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Regular Monthly or Quarterly Activities

Parish Council 1st **Monday** of month 8pm (excl. Bank Holidays) Memorial Hall
 Henham & District Garden Society 1st **Tuesday** of month 2.30 - 4pm Memorial Hall
 Life Drawing 2nd **Tuesday** of month 7.30 - 9.30 Village Hall
 Village Café Coffee 2nd & 4th **Tuesday** 9.30 - 11.30am Bowls & Social Club
 Village History Society 1st **Wednesday** of month quarterly 7.45pm Memorial Hall
 Village Café Tea 1st & 3rd **Thursday** 2 - 4pm Memorial Hall

Regular Weekly Activities

Day	Time	Activity	Location
Monday	9.30-10.30am	Zumba	Memorial Hall (from 13th)
	7-8.30pm	Guides	Village Hall (term-time)
	7.30-8.30pm	Shape to the beat	Memorial Hall (from 13th)
Tuesday	4.45-5.45pm	Rainbows	Memorial Hall (term-time) (from 7th)
	6-7pm	Brownies	Memorial Hall (term-time) (from 7th)
	8-10.30pm	Tennis Club night	Tennis Courts
	8pm	Fitness Yoga/Pilates	Memorial Hall
Wednesday	9.45-11.30am	Tots & Toddlers	Memorial Hall (term-time) (from 8th)
	5.30-7.30pm	Slimming World	Memorial Hall
	5.45-6.45pm	Beavers	Village Hall (term-time)
	7-9pm	Scouts	Village Hall (term-time)
Thursday	9.30-11am	Slimming World	Memorial Hall
	6.30-7.45pm	Cubs	Village Hall (term-time)
Friday	10-11am	Little Fishes	Memorial Hall (term-time) (from 10th)
	5.45-6.45pm	Beavers Group 2	Village Hall (term-time)
Saturday	10-11.30am	Village Football	Playing Field

September diary

Thurs 2 & 16	Village Café Afternoon Tea	Memorial Hall 2 - 4pm
Mon 6	Parish Council Meeting	Memorial Hall 8pm
Tues 7	Henham & District Garden Society	Memorial Hall 2.30 - 4pm
Wed 8	History Society Meeting	Memorial Hall 7.45pm for 8pm
Thurs 9	ECA General Meeting	Memorial Hall 7.45pm
Sat 11	Bingo	Bowls & Social Club 7.30 for 8pm
Tues 14 & 28	Village Café Coffee Morning	Bowls & Social Club 9.30am
Tues 14	Life Drawing	Village Hall 7.30pm
Thurs 16	Elsenham WI	Memorial Hall 7.45pm
Tues 21	Elsenham Community Choir	Village Hall 7pm
Fri 24	Macmillan Coffee Morning	Bowls & Social Club 9.30-11.30am
Sat 25	Bowls & Social Club Quiz	Bowls & Social Club 7.30 for 8pm

THE NEWS REPORT

From The Editors



As September rolls in there is always a sense of 'back to school' no matter how old you are. Lots of people will be starting new schools or new classes and we wish everyone the best for the new school year.

Plenty to read about in the magazine this month, with our regular contributors continuing to provide interesting and informative articles from Natural Outlook to Development Developments to Cookery Corner. See the index at the foot of this page to find those quickly.

The Car Boot Sale was a great success – see p4 for details of the funds raised and we are delighted to see that the Tennis Club is now able to rent the court to non-members again, see p41.

The Bowls Club is hosting the Macmillan Coffee morning later this month, see p5 for details, including how to help in advance or on the day.

Simon Bambridge is looking for volunteers to be Poppy Appeal Collectors, see p45. If you can spare a few hours in early November to help, contact him on email

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If you would like to contribute to the magazine then send us an email to ✉ elsenhamsnews@hotmail.co.uk

Happy reading, see you in October,

The Editors



Mobile library visits Elsenham. Visitors are restricted in numbers so you may have to queue. Face coverings must be worn.

Place: Glebe End. Time: 11.50am to 12.20pm

Day: Thursdays:

Dates: 16 September, 7 & 28 October and 18 November 2021

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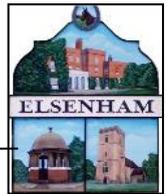


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Car Boot Sale: Saturday, 14 August 2021 saw our most recent Car Boot Sale, this we considered was a good alternative to the Village Fete that was planned for Saturday, 26 June 2021, but had to be cancelled.

We had approximately 55 units selling their wares, from tools to toddler clothing and all in between. On site was Jo McEwan's 'Serve' trailer with vegan doughnuts, biscuits, teas, coffees and soft drinks. We had tried to get our normal ice cream van but his vehicle was unfortunately not available. The sun was shining and the general turnout was very good.

In total, we raised a fantastic £512 which will go towards the outside public toilet the ECA is planning to install in the garden next to the Memorial Hall, for all to use.

Feedback has been very good, although more will be readily accepted should you wish to participate. More advertising, consider a Sunday, quarterly or more, more food and drink - these are some of the suggestions.

Thanks to Elaine Terry, Simon Terry and Jo McEwan for all their hard work to make this event happen. If you would like to join us and get involved in any future events such as this or the Elsenham Village Fete, please contact us. A big thank you to all who attended and helped us provide a very nice event for the community. See you all at the next one.



Local Christians in association with Keswick Ministries

Saturday 11th September 2021

Speaker: Rob Hudson (Vicar at St Peter's Church Harold Wood)

GET READY! THE DAY OF THE LORD IS COMING

Session 1: **Get ready for God, our Judge and our Redeemer** (Zeph 1:1-2:3)

2.30-4.15pm

Afternoon Tea

Session 2: **Get ready for the Goal of all things** (Zeph 3:9-20)

5.30-7pm

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An incredible 98% of the income needed to run this worthy charity comes from fundraising, so it really couldn't carry on without the Coffee Morning. Raising money for Macmillan is now more important than ever, so please come to our Coffee Morning and help in continuing to support people living with cancer.

It is such a great opportunity to meet friends or make some new ones, have a cuppa and enjoy some fantastic home baked cakes, have a few laughs and raise some much needed funds.



Please join us on our big day, Friday 24 September 9.30-11.30am, at Elsenham Bowls & Social Club and please help to support us in any way you can, either by joining us on the day, baking a cake, donating tombola prizes or by making a financial donation. It will all help make a difference to the Macmillan Cancer Support Charity, but whatever you do, PLEASE DON'T FORGET – thank you. We didn't get to run this event last year for obvious reasons, so let's make this year's Coffee Morning one to remember.



TEMPORARY FOOTPATH CLOSURE - Footpath 32

Elsenham & Footpath 44 at the motorway footbridge.

By Margaret Shaw

The work on the footbridge will start on 20 September 2021 for 21 days and is required for the safety of the public whilst waterproofing and resurfacing work is carried out.

After representation from Elsenham Parish Council, Essex County Council has agreed that only the footpaths in the immediate vicinity of the bridge will need to be closed.



DISTRICT COUNCILLORS' REPORT FOR SEPTEMBER 2021

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Highway concerns in our ward – closure of North Hall Road

We thought it would be useful to all residents to be informed of the history and action that has been taken to date (12 August 2021). As District Councillors, it would seem that our only option now is to take this matter to the media.

History

A retaining wall on one of the riverbanks collapsed. Essex Highways engineers inspected the site on 20 July 2020 and the road was closed on 23 July.

We have been demanding updates since August 2020 but to no avail. Earlier this year a meeting was arranged by Cllr Gooding on 14 July 2021. In attendance was two senior engineers from Essex Highways and Cllr Ray Gooding.

At the meeting Garry reported on an email from Neil Byford, who is the officer in charge of Newport Fire Station and responsible for properties along North Hall Road including Little Henham and beyond. Neil asked Garry to raise his concerns at the meeting and his question as to why it has taken two years and nothing has happened.

“The road closure is giving us considerable problems. We operate a fire appliance and a Special Operations Vehicle out of Newport. The FA is used for all types of fires and the SOV for many roles, with its primary role being to attend cardiac arrest calls. It is vitally important that we get to the scene of a cardiac arrest as soon as possible to provide any chance of recovery. The road closure is putting at least another 6-8 minutes on response time and unfortunately this would not be conducive to saving a life. A room in a domestic property can become an inferno within 4 minutes of ignition, this delay would mean it is most probable that this would not be a survivable fire. Our alternative route at present is via Patmore Close Ugley, which is a narrow single-track road in places with limited pull in points should we meet oncoming traffic.”

Neil suggested traffic lights in the interim, to keep vehicles away from the riverside.

The two ECC engineers explained the difficulties and budgetary restraints they had, and informed they were now going out to tender for the work to start some time mid-2022 with anticipated completion many months later.

Garry pointed out that would be another year, and referred him to the Newport Fire Station report, that suggested people could die. The response from the Senior EH Manager was, “Name one person who has died as a result of this closure.”

When asked why it had taken so long to get around to arranging the repairs, the response from Highways team and Cllr Gooding was. "Budgetary control and staff issues."

Nick Baker, Chair HPC wrote to Cllr Lee Scott, cabinet member at ECC for Highways Maintenance. This letter raised fundamental questions:

1. Why did it take a year to start tendering for the repairs to take place July 2020 – July 2021?
2. When will the road actually re-open – latest estimate is Winter 2022 or maybe even later?
3. What can be done to minimise the risks to lives (Emergency services access to Henham village)?
4. Why no apology for what one of his senior staff members said at the meeting on the 14 July [requiring a name of a person who had died]?
5. The latest information on the Highways web site is 1st April 2021 (over 4 months old).

Quote from Nick Baker's letter to Cllr Lee Scott.

".... Surely any long-term road closure that has a significant impact on emergency services response times must be prioritised in order to mitigate public safety and the resulting risk to life, along with an emergency measure introduced to reduce the risk to life whilst works are completed. We would be interested to see the risk register for this scheme (not disclosed in the Freedom of Information request) and any mitigation that was identified as appropriate by Essex Highways. It would also be beneficial to understand what consultation was undertaken with the emergency services to make them aware of the duration of the closure and agree on mitigating actions" Cllr Nick Baker

Cllr Graham Mott, Chair of EPC supported:

".... We would like to associate Elsenham PC with the concerns raised by Henham PC, particularly with regard to access for emergency vehicles. Clearly, the longer this closure continues, the greater the risk involved, to say nothing of the inconvenience to countless residents. The alternatives are much longer and mean increased use of unsatisfactory lanes. The road through Patmore End is wholly unsuitable for the increased traffic which is now using it. For residents of Elsenham, closure means much increased use of the narrow country lane ... sharp bends in under a mile, in order to reach the B1383 for destinations to the north such as Saffron Walden...." Dr Graham Mott.

On 10 August - Cllr Lee Scott replied to Nick Baker explaining how they arrived at this situation, but there were no answers to the fundamental questions (full text of the letter follows on page 9)

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Dear Cllr Baker

As you will be aware the closure of North Hall Road was an unplanned event, but was necessitated following an inspection that found a section of the road to be unsafe for vehicles to pass through due to substantial damage sustained to the retaining wall and embankment that supports the carriageway. The closure was introduced as an emergency closure to protect the public.

Please be assured that all of the emergency services were advised of this emergency closure on 23 July 2020 as is standard practice when we have to close a road, indeed our email was sent to three separate Fire Service email addresses. We would advise that until your email dated 21 July 2021, we had received no communication from the Fire Service expressing any concern regarding their response times; indeed to date the Fire Service still have not contacted us directly to raise their concerns however we have now made contact with Mr Byford to discuss this with him although at the time of writing we have not received a response.

As previously advised, we have considered alternative traffic management options instead of the full road closure however the road simply is not wide enough to accommodate a single lane closure with temporary traffic lights. We would always seek to use the least prohibitive option however we have to balance this with the safety of the travelling public. In this instance, the road was closed for safety reasons and those safety issues remain valid.

With regards to the diversion route, we are aware there has been damage to the carriageway and verges. An Engineer attended site last week and identified a number of locations where we will be looking to make temporary repairs to the carriageway with a view to making permanent repairs when North Hall Road is reopened.

The most up to date information about our plans will continue to be shared on our dedicated webpage <https://www.essexhighways.org/north-hall-road-little-henham>, as well with as local parish councils. Despite this being an unplanned work programme and there being many complexities to this site, we have begun our investigation works to support progress being made to identify a future long-term solution.

Kind Regards

Cllr Lee Scott

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ELSENHAM PARISH COUNCIL 19 JULY & 2 AUGUST 2021

By Louise Johnson, Clerk. ✉ louise.epc@gmail.com ☎ 07456 791727



On 19 July 2021, the Parish Council held their first face to face meeting since 2 March 2020.

The Chairperson welcomed the council's three new councillors, although the three new members had joined the Parish Council in October 2020, this was their first meeting in the Memorial Hall.

Morya Jackson and Jackie Rayment have both resigned from the Parish Council. Chairperson Cllr Mott thanked them both for the work and commitment they had given to the village over many years, especially with regards to the flowerbeds and the Memorial Garden.

Thank you to all the volunteers that helped with planting 400 summer bedding plants, and to the volunteers who regularly water flower beds and the Memorial Garden. The removal of several established hedges in Elsenham has had an adverse effect on the local environment and the Memorial Garden is now one of the few green areas in the village.

Nick Baker, Chairperson of Henham Parish Council had suggested that the boundary between Henham and Elsenham, which currently runs through the middle of the Fairfield/Bloor Homes site, is adjusted so the whole site is in Elsenham Parish. It was agreed it would be easier if the new development was just under one parish, and as it was an extension of Elsenham and remote from Henham village, plus residents of the new development would be using Elsenham facilities to shop and socialise, it seems logical that the site would be best served as being part of Elsenham.

Uttlesford District Council has published the results of the 'Call for Sites', for the new Local Plan. Two hundred and ninety nine sites were put forward from landowners for consideration, resulting in 70,000 dwellings; UDC local plan require 13,000 new dwellings. Therefore, many of the sites will not form part of the new Local Plan. The plan will be subject to consultation in March 2022.

The map showing all the sites can be viewed on UDC's website.

Some dog walkers continue to dispose of their dog waste in the litter bin in the Isabel Drive children's play area, despite having a sign saying, 'No dog waste'. This is really appalling; dog waste is a health hazard to young children. Please take your dog waste home with you.

The playing field is a no dogs area. This includes the paths and the road, no dogs, except guide dogs, are allowed past the gate in Leigh Drive and the gate in Leigh Way on Station Road. This is a bylaw by Uttlesford District Council.

PC Sharma and PCSO Morris from the Community Policing Team attended the Parish Council meeting and answered questions regarding any issues or concerns residents have. They talked about drugs, dog theft, car theft, speeding and antisocial behaviour.

It was explained that Elsenham Parish Council had decided not to take responsibility for the trim trail and open space on Elsenham Vale, for two reasons. It had not been brought up to the standard specified in the section 106 agreement and the management of it would have been incredibly detailed, expensive and time consuming. The state of the open spaces had been reported to the Section 106 Officer at Uttlesford District Council, who said that the open spaces had not been signed off and no letter of satisfaction had been issued, therefore the open spaces and trim trail were still the responsibility of the developer Crest Nicholson.

The next Parish Council meeting will be 6 September 2021, 8pm in the Memorial Hall.

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1st Henham & Elsenham Scout Group's busy

Summer schedule culminated in a water activities evening for all of our Beavers and Cubs to practise their problem-solving and teamwork skills, with everyone endeavouring to get absolutely soaked and to have fun. It proved to be a great way to finish the summer term's activities which included our Beavers going on a Llama walk and cooking smores, and with our Cubs learning about knots and lashings, and practising pitching tents, the latter being essential in checking our scouting equipment is still serviceable in spite of long-term Covid-19 storage.



Our Cubs finally had the opportunity to take part in the rescheduled river activities evening at Harlow Outdoors. Twenty-five cubs and leaders had a great time kayaking, raft-building and joining a "Bumble" (also known as urban coastering - I'll let you all Google that!). As is normal with Cubs, no fear was shown when it came to getting wet, with most taking up the offer to jump in the river whenever possible. Akela also took a swim but that was more down to poor kayaking skills!

While the summer holidays would normally be the chance for our leaders to take a well-deserved break, the end of the term means a step-up in preparations and activity planning for our group expansion. Arrangements are now being put in place for a new Beaver Colony to meet on Friday evenings, doubling our capacity for 6 to 8-year-olds to 48, and a new Scout Troop meeting on Wednesday evenings, offering activities for 10½ to 14-year-olds. The continued expansion of our villages makes it essential that activities are available for our young people, to ensure wellbeing, confidence and the opportunities to make a positive contribution to society.

The expansion of our group means that there are changes in our section leadership from September. Our new Beaver Colony will also be run by Smee (Kelly) while we recruit new volunteers to take on the Section Leader roles. Chil (Yvonne) and Baloo (Matt) are stepping up to take over Cubs from me, and I wish them the very best in their new roles. I will be taking on the task of starting up our new Scout Section.



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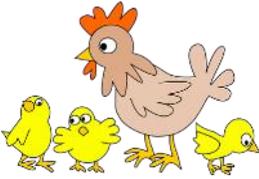
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The farm is busy with pretty visitors and it's not surprising as there is so much to do there – you can meet and feed the animals, enjoy the Woodland Trail, go on a Carrot Hunt, enjoy arts and crafts, have fun in the play area and enjoy lunch in the picnic area. Please make sure you pre-book your tickets via

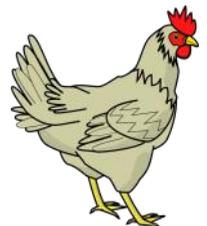
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If you are stuck for where to go on holiday this summer, then look no further! We have our fantastic camp site that folk are loving (and between you and me, so are the animals!) – it's brilliant. Check out our website for details.

There is so much going on at Daisy May's Farm, so make sure you don't miss out this summer. We really look forward to seeing you soon. Many thanks.



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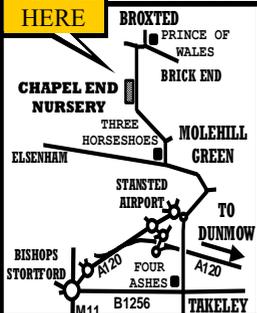
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Uttlesford District Council's Local Plan has inched closer to achievement with the publication of the results of its 'Call for Sites' exercise. The total of the homes proposed by developers in the district comes to over 70,000. Uttlesford is looking for about 13,000, after taking account of those which have already been approved. The proposals hereabouts include 500 dwellings and just under a hectare of employment space somewhere in the region of the harmless hamlet of Tye Green. Noise and smell from Stansted Airport must be factors, and it would be good to think this proposal is too big to succeed.

There is a suggestion for 200 to the north of the site between Elsenham and Henham, despite assurances that the 350 already approved would be the last such application - it is truly extraordinary that there are people who claim that you can never believe a word that developers say. To the north of the station there is a suggestion for 60 to the east of Old Mead Road. A little further away, there is a proposal for a little matter of 4,800 new homes at Bollington Hall Farm, to the west of Cambridge Road, Ugley; if ever delivered, it would result in Ugley parish becoming many times larger than Elsenham. On the whole, however, the message has to echo Lance-Corporal Jones, 'Don't panic'; even if the whole operation has something of Dad's Army about it, most of these sites will not be included in UDC's Plan and will not be built.

A meeting was called by UDC of representatives of parish councils, when a peculiarly earnest councillor from Elsenham insisted that, in the formulation of the new Local Plan, account must be taken of all the many approved schemes since the previous Plan expired in 2011. The reception was lukewarm at best, and so, nothing daunted, the earnest Elsenham emissary addressed a later meeting of UDC's Local Plan Leadership Group with renewed vim and some vigour, and was rather more sympathetically received.

UDC is, at last, reaching crunch time. Decisions will have to be made, it will be impossible to please everyone, some parishes will be bitterly disappointed and will blame their district councillors; the councillors will respond that they are obliged to take an objective view of the district as a whole, and the local residents will think, and might well say, that they voted for them in order to stop more development in their area and never mind the rest.

Once outline approval has been given to a proposal, it is impossible to resist the principle of development. Representations can be made, however, as to the details, which are the subject of a further planning application. The Parish Council held a public meeting recently with Bloor Homes, who will be developing the site off Henham Road approved for 350 homes. It was stressed that funds are needed for a new Community Hall and they promised to think about it. It is hoped to extract a similar promise from an outfit called Dandara, who will be developing the twin sites off Isabel Drive and off Stansted Road which have received outline approval for 99 homes in total. As a sage councillor has remarked: 'If you can't stop 'em, you should get what you can from them'.



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As I am writing this the sun is shining and the news on the Covid-19 front is looking increasingly optimistic, so here goes with our plans for your enjoyment.

First is the Church Garden Party/BBQ on the afternoon of Saturday 4 September, from 3-6pm. We plan to offer refreshments, cakes, a bar and, of course, the BBQ. We are organizing children's games (well they need something to cheer them up at the start of the school term) and all are welcome from across and beyond the village. Put it into your diary, tell the neighbours, the more the merrier!

Then we move on to the Christmas Tree Festival in the church over the weekend of 4-5 December. If you are new to the village and haven't been to this celebration, or if you are just missing it owing to the last few years' problems then you definitely need to make a note of it. We fill the Church with Christmas trees – all shapes, sizes, designs – and just enjoy! We



are aware that this will depend upon any remaining restrictions on indoor events but are making contingency plans and keeping our fingers crossed. Information on the Festival and how to enter a tree will be available shortly.

Both the Garden Party and Christmas Tree Festival require a lot of work in planning, preparation and running; and we would very much like help from others in the village. If you are able to spare a couple of hours to help in organizing, decorating the Church, setting up facilities, running the bar and BBQ, car parking etc. please contact Jill and David on ☎ 812397, or Robin and Elizabeth on ☎ 813543. We would appreciate your help, and you will find it fun! As I am sure you understand, without support these village activities will struggle to continue.

Looking forward to seeing you at either or both of these events.

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You might not be aware but there are two war memorials in Elsenham. As well as the well-known stone cross in the memorial gardens there is another smaller memorial situated at the bend in Church Lane. I was reminded of this when we were contacted by a villager to advise that it had been damaged by lorries delivering to an adjacent site. A quick inspection showed that the damage was limited to the stones surrounding the base although the whole thing is beginning to look a little sad and it is clearly in need of some attention. Herein lies the rub as no-one seems to know who erected it or when and who, if anyone, has responsibility for it. If you can answer any of these questions please let us know, it would be a pity if we lost this memorial through neglect. My thanks go to David Lucas for originally bringing this to our attention and Gordon Barker and Roger Clarke for their help trying to find any information on the mystery memorial. Thanks too to Gordon's daughter for a photograph of the damage.

Reading the paper recently, an article caught my eye bemoaning the lack of thatching material and how this meant that thatched roofs could be all but extinct in as little as 20 years. The main problem seems to be that few farmers are growing the long stemmed winter wheat because of its low yield, most now opting for modern, high yield, short stem varieties. This brings another problem in that modern farm machinery is built to suit the short stem varieties and the older machinery, mostly dating from the 1950s and 60s is wearing out and lacking spare parts. All is not lost however as a few growers have found that growing the older varieties can be profitable especially those that have access to restored steam threshing plant, the lower volumes making this method of harvest feasible. Meanwhile, demand for water reed, another popular thatching material particularly in East Anglia, is outstripping supply. To help matters the Prince's Trust has funded a three year programme to help train younger reed cutters, the course enabling the cutters to work safely in what is a wild and potentially dangerous environment, thereby increasing the supply of high quality reed. Hopefully, thatched roofs won't be a thing of the past after all.

At the time of writing we are still all systems go to resume our meetings on Wednesday 8 September at 8pm in the Memorial Hall. Our speaker for the evening will be Nina Gaubert talking about the plan for the residents of Essex to walk across country to Oxfordshire in the event of a German invasion during WWI. This will be by turns serious and comedic as she explains the thinking behind the Government's plan and those of us who heard the talk at the Henham History Event pre-Covid know that it will be an entertaining evening. This will be Nina's farewell performance before leaving the area to moving back 'oop north' to pastures new. At the same time she will be resigning her committee position and we thank her for her help and support over the past few years. The meeting will also encompass the somewhat delayed 2021 AGM.

We look forward to welcoming members and friends for our first meeting in 18 months but do keep an eye on our website for all the latest news of meetings and a plethora of other material relating to life in our village over the centuries.



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Thought For The Month - Freedom

Freedom – what does it mean to you?

We can all subscribe to wanting freedom but it has as many different meanings as there are people. If you are living under a dictatorship you want to be free of it. If you are suffering an illness you want to be well again. If a national government rule prevents you from organising a protest then you would object. Living under Covid restrictions for well over a year has been terrible for some but not too bad for us here in these villages. Was it necessary? – most would say yes. But in reality freedom is an illusion as it generally means that I can do what I want even if it is to the disadvantage of my neighbour. Society (from which we can never really escape) will crumble under this interpretation. Freedom to do as you want often results in a bad result for yourself as we can often not foresee the outcome. I am minded of an acquaintance whose youthful dog was always trying to escape their owner's lead. One day he succeeded and slipped his collar but freedom was short lived as he ran under the wheels of a passing car! We don't like to admit it but we all need rules to live under (ie less 'freedom'). Back to dogs again - a fully trained guide dog has the freedom to do what it likes as it knows the limits and seems to have no desire to push them. Some would say that you are suppressing the dog's natural instincts but a flattened dog is not much of a result.

God created this world along with all of us but he gave us the freedom of

choice as he wants people to want to love him and live with him forever rather than having a tribe of robots. Unfortunately Adam and Eve, the first humans, used their freedom unwisely to satisfy themselves and got flung out of the Garden of Eden – not a result they anticipated.

The Old Testament is full of stories of God's people, the Israelites, rejecting his perfect rule and, like the free dog, found themselves suffering plagues of locusts, endless wars with the neighbouring Philistines and wholesale deportation to Babylon for a 70 year exile. But God never abandoned them and always tried to coax his people back (he will never force although he could if he wanted). Peace reigned for them when they submitted to his rule but they always reverted and the cycle went round again. God says through Isaiah in ch49 'If only you had paid attention to my commands your peace would have been like a river, your righteousness like the waves of the sea, your descendants like the sand and children like numberless grains'.

Jesus came to rescue us from ourselves but are we listening? As in the Old Testament God is using the Covid-19 pandemic to wake us up to see a better way to live under his rule.

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5th September – Trinity 14:

8.45am BCP* Morning Prayer, Els'ham
 10.00am BCP* Holy Communion, Ugley
 10.15am Morning Service, EVH**
 11.15am Morning Service, Henham
 6.00pm Sunday@6, Henham

12th September – Trinity 15:

8.45am BCP* Morning Prayer, Els'ham
 10.00am Morning Service, Ugley
 10.15am Morning Service, EVH
 11.15am Morning Service, Henham
 6.00pm Sunday@6, Henham

19th September – Trinity 16:

8.45am BCP* Holy Communion, Elsenham
 10.00am Morning Service, Ugley
 10.15am Morning Service, EVH
 11.15am Morning Service, Henham
 6.00pm Sunday@6, Henham

26th September – Trinity 17:

8.45am BCP* Morning Prayer, Els'ham
 10.00am Morning Service, Ugley
 10.15am Morning Service, Elsenham
 11.15am Holy Communion, Henham
 6.00pm Sunday@6, Henham

*BCP = *Book of Common Prayer*

**EVH = *Elsenham Village Hall*

Other regular events

SUNDAYS:

St Peter's Junior Church

St Peter's, Ugley 10.00am

Sundays: 12th, 19th & 26th

Elsenham Sunday Club/Explorers

(Y1-Y6) Old Frank's, Elsenham

10.15am Sundays: 5th, 12th, 19th & 26th

Henham Sunday Club/Explorers

(Reception-Y5) Church Hall,

Henham 11.00am Sundays: 5th, 12th, 19th & 26th

Pathfinders (Y6-Y9)

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

Sundays: 5th, 12th, 19th & 26th

Crammin' (Y10-Y13)

St Mary's, Henham 6.00pm followed by 7.00pm at The Church Hall, Henham. Sundays: 5th, 12th, 19th & 26th

MID-WEEK AND SATURDAY:

Start the Week with Prayer

Church Hall, Henham 9.30am

Mondays: 6th, 13th, 20th & 27th

Seekers After School Bible Club

(Y3-Y4) Old Frank's 3.20pm

Mondays: 13th, 20th & 27th

Christian Play (Y1-Y2)

Rowan House, Elsenham 3.15pm

Tuesdays: Starting on 28th

Little Fishes Pre-School Group

Church Hall, Henham 10.15am

Thursdays: 9th, 16th, 23rd & 30th

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Hedges go back a long way: Roman farmers favoured a living hedge to mark out boundaries. Their value was recognised in 1567 guidance from the court at Felsted: “Any persons breaking any hedge or stealing wood be put next Sunday or holiday in the stocks for two hours at the least”.

Fifty percent of hedges have been lost since the late 1940s as farmers enlarged fields so bigger machines could operate, with the occasional forlorn oak tree as a faint reminder of a lost hedge. The former layout of hedges in any parish can be seen in 19th century tithe maps; comparison with current aerial maps will demonstrate what has been lost. The consequent loss of habitat is often blamed for reduction in species and biodiversity.



Today, hedges are again valued as wildlife corridors and as a way to lock up carbon. There are encouraging signs of new hedgerow planting, for example in Saffron Walden and beside the B1051 between Broxted and Thaxted.

This summer, blackberry blossom has been much in evidence in the hedgerows so Autumn walkers may be in for a treat. Look out also for sloes that can be turned into delicious sloe gin. Many of our footpaths follow field edges beside hedgerows. If you are not yet familiar with the Society’s walk routes, please download one from our website – there are many to choose from starting at one mile.



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September starts the meteorological three months of Autumn - the others being October and November, with 23 September, being the autumn equinox and, historically, 29 September, Michaelmas one of the quarter days.

In the notes I've recorded, there are references to at least one serious storm and to many days which start very cool but by midday or later have temperatures in the mid 20s or higher, and chill quickly when the sun starts to set.. So with any luck the warm days aren't quite over yet. This is good news for the wildflowers that need the insects to pollinate them, working on those such as red bartsia, teasels, yarrow, ragwort, lesser knapweed, ivy flowers in hedgerows and Michaelmas daisies in gardens.

Butterflies that *might* be about (given that it has not been a good year for some) are peacocks, red admirals, large whites, gatekeepers, meadow browns, commas and painted ladies. Then there are hoverflies, honeybees and bumble bees. There are three sorts of bumble bee in our garden; white tailed, buff tailed and red tailed. I get close to them when the huge queens, about half the size of my thumb, bumble into the conservatory and have to be evacuated with care. There is also usually an invasion of crane flies, aka daddy-long-legs. This seems to erupt whenever it gets mild and very moist. The larvae live in the soil and are often called leather jackets. Still flying are one or two of the dragonflies, such as the southern hawkler, quite big at just under three inches; it has green stripes on its main body plus a few blue ones on the males. The ruddy darter is smaller, about half the size, with a red body and a black tip at the end of each of the four translucent wings.

Lurking in the tall, fading grasses and hedges are some of the later summer bugs, the forest bug, the green shield bug and the sloe bug. These bugs and others about earlier in the year are very small – roughly thumb nail size. The forest bug is brown with reddish legs, two long antennae and is shield shaped in outline. When it takes off, the wings appear under the scutellum (shield). It likes woodlands especially oaks but feeds on other deciduous trees/shrubs as well. Green shield bugs are green, bright green at first, then fading to a darker shade. They are rounder in shape, more oval and have shorter antennae They favour hazel in hedges, hibernate over the winter and produce a new brood in September.

If you are out one day collecting some ingredients for sloe gin, you might come across the sloe bug, more broadly shield shaped than the forest bug with some yellowish and black stripes at the bottom of the pointed end. They feed on sloes and other berries. Some of these could be rowan (orange) and cotoneaster (red). Blackbirds are fond of the former and wood pigeons the latter. Last year, holly berries ripened so early there were hardly any left by the birds by Christmas. Hazel nuts and acorns ripen and drop, leaves on some trees and hedges start to shrivel.



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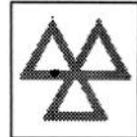
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With the relaxation of Covid rules members of Stansted U3A enjoyed their first meeting in July celebrating with afternoon tea and mountains of cake. Alan Haines entertained us with his 'Baby Boomers Nostalgia Show' and oh boy! did we enjoy remembering the music and shows of the 50s and 60s.

Jeremy Batch gave a most exhilarating talk at our first seminar on *The History of Navigation* from 2000BC beginning with the Byzantines and continuing through the Greeks, the Polynesians, the Vikings and on to modern times, illustrated with slides and diagrams detailing the use of the various instruments of the times.

The Art Appreciation Group spent an interesting afternoon at the Henry Moore Study Centre visiting the magnificent sculptures there and hope to see more at the next get together at the Gibberd Garden.



Tony Wellings, who has led us on so many country walks over the last years, is retiring as leader of the Walking and Nature Appreciation Group. Tony's extensive knowledge has always made our walks so interesting. As a gesture of appreciation, the walkers presented him with a patio rose and a carved stag antler handle walking stick.

Some of us also had another extremely interesting walk around Stansted with historian Kate Birkbeck giving us the background to the history of the great families who have lived in Stansted, incredibly finishing up at St Mary's Church and cemetery at the grave of one of the heroes of the Zulu Wars who fought at Rourke's Drift.

The next meeting takes place on 16 September. If you are not already a member please come along and meet us and hopefully you will enjoy the meeting and decide to join. Look us up online 8 www.u3asites.org.uk/stansted/home

GARDEN HINT *By Sue Johnson*

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By Moyra Jackson ☎ 647351



The summer weather continues to bring surprises – monsoon-like rain followed by beautiful sunshine then days when you really feel like putting the heating on despite it still being August! At least we had the Olympics to entertain us when dodging the showers.

Over the past 15 months we have been able to bring you a wide variety of speakers all in the comfort of your own home. Our last meeting was no exception when we had Eve Regelous and 'Everything Stops For Tea'. We learned all about the origins of tea and the traditions surrounding the drinking of what has become our national drink (that came as a shock to me as my national drink is IRN BRU!). Eve charmed us with wonderful photos of all things tea-related – tea caddies, formal Japanese tea ceremonies, 'Nippies' from Lyons Tea House and a variety of tea facts. Despite all the various alternatives available, it was good to know we are still a nation of tea drinkers.

We had a wonderful turnout for our annual Posh Frocks and Hats Garden Party – our first one since 2019. Karen and Mick Pitcher's garden was the fabulous setting and over 50 of us delighted in one another's company, enjoyed a wonderful array of food and drink and had a fabulous time. The weather was extremely kind to us and the event was a wonderful way to push away those lockdown blues that many of us have been struggling with.



We also held a New Members Evening in the Memorial Hall on 5 August when we were joined by a lovely group of women, some new to the village and some not who are interested in joining us. It was a great way to get to know some new faces and very encouraging that even in our 100th year, our numbers are growing.

Our next meeting is on Thursday 16 September and it is our Annual Meeting, postponed from its usual month of May to allow us to meet in person.

Being in the WI, you have a support network – someone to talk to, receive and give help when needed and whether you are able to join meetings or not, you are part of a group that cares. This aspect of our organisation has never been more relevant - or appreciated.

Visitors are welcome at our meetings. Contact details at the back of the magazine.

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EVHS—its History

The Village History Society was established in January 2010. Individuals had spent time finding out about the village but there was still a need to collect and record more: about our predecessors who laid the foundations of the village; about the people who spent their lives here; about those who were born and bred here and can still tell us stories and later generations who have contributed to the way we live today. The committee shares the objective of not just finding out about our history but also putting it together in one place and recording it for future generations. The committee is supported by an enthusiastic membership, a dozen at the inaugural meeting, now around 60. Covid permitting - the next meeting will be 8 September, Elsenham Memorial Hall.

Groups research parts of village life and publish books including "For the Duration, Elsenham at War," the story of those who lost their life serving their country, WW1 to the Northern Troubles. Details of publications are on <http://www.elsenham-history.co.uk/>

Started in 2013, the website has been expanded with information including a timeline of the village dating back to first century AD. Photos new and old and interviews with residents past and present. Articles on The Canal That Never Was: the ever-changing Village Boundaries and notable residents.

We meet four times a year in the Memorial Hall and between times aim to organise visits. If you are interested or would like to help with research, please come along to the meetings. There are interesting speakers; it doesn't cost a fortune to join—only £5 per year. The EVHS collects photographs and other material that people lend to copy. All returned safely after a few days.

REMEMBRANCE *Cora Ann Bass 1937—2021*

On 11 August 2021, I attended a Service of Thanksgiving for the Life of Cora Bass.

She was a resident of Elsenham for many years. Born on 26 January 1937, she initially lived with her parents in Ugley Green. She attended Elsenham School where she was taught by Mr Chalk. There followed a move to Stansted School, Cora cycled there every day. On leaving school she found a job at the Edison Swan Electric Company, in Stansted. The family then moved to 6 Stansted Road, Elsenham in the early 1950s.

Cora moved across Stansted Road to "Belmont" in 1982 with her husband, Brian.

Her final move was to "Bardox" in 1987. This was just a few doors up from "Belmont." She was my next-door neighbour for many years, and as such I became used to seeing her wonderful smile. A 'brief chat' with Cora could take many hours and she would sometimes tell the same tale many times! I remember with affection seeing her in her 'County and Western' costume. A lovely lady who will be greatly missed.



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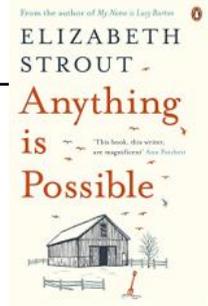
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ANYTHING IS POSSIBLE by Elizabeth Strout

Reviewed by Marion Giles



'Recalling Olive Kitteridge in its richness, structure, and complexity, Anything Is Possible explores the whole range of human emotion through the intimate dramas of people struggling to understand themselves and others. Anything is Possible tells the story of the inhabitants of rural, dusty Amgash, Illinois, the hometown of Lucy Barton, a successful New York writer who finally returns, after seventeen years of absence, to visit the siblings she left behind.

Reverberating with the deep bonds of family, and the hope that comes with reconciliation, Anything Is Possible again underscores Elizabeth Strout's place as one of America's most respected and cherished authors. ...' So says the blurb on the back of the book.

- **The words appear on the page as if breathed there — Sunday Telegraph**
- **Strout's compassion for her fellow creatures, as these anguished, lean stories prove, is as keen as a whip and all the more painful for it —Guardian**

This was the choice of the book group this month. It was generally well-liked and enjoyed. The book is quite short and easy to read.

There is no essential plot—this is a book about characters in a place and is in a similar style to her prize-winning novel 'Olive Kitteridge.' In that book, Olive is the connecting theme to the stories and the people who surround her.

Billed as short stories, it hangs together quite well as a novel because the stories inter-connect. Sometimes the characters overlap or sometimes an event is replayed or recalled. Often another piece of information is gleaned from a later story that we can weave back into an earlier story.

'My name is Lucy Barton' tells Lucy's tale. Not all of us had read that but that was not a disadvantage as this is not a sequel but it does feature her. It takes us to her home town of Amgash and the surrounding area (such as Carlisle) Illinois. Here we read of other members of the Barton family, including cousins, as well as other people from the area.

We see depression, desire and loneliness, along with desperation and gossip, and so on. Elizabeth Strout brings people to life, warts and all, giving us a deeper insight into life and what it means to be human. None of us are perfect, and this is shown here, with flaws appearing in characters, that adds to that human touch. There is some sort of fitting resolution for each person or story — so although there may be sad events, this is not a sad read.



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Welcome to our new members:

Big welcome to all our new members and we hope you enjoyed the season so far. We have plenty of activities to cater for all ages and abilities so if you need any info, advice, or you want us to buddy you up with another player or group, don't hesitate to get in touch.

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Club nights:

Tuesday evenings are our club nights (ladies and men) so in particular our new members, please come and join in. If you need someone to introduce you and come with you to your first session, that's OK, we make sure you won't feel alone.

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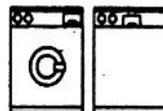

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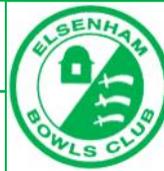
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By Sue Waite ✉ suewaite2003@yahoo.co.uk



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The pool table is back in play with the pool team meeting on a Monday night. The darts team is ready for action and meets every Wednesday night. The club is open every Friday as bowlers meet for a roll up on the green and stay for drinks afterwards – it is a very sociable time especially in the sunshine.

Although all restrictions have been lifted we are still carrying on with our table service and will gently encourage you to sanitise and wear a mask until seated inside.

Lovely summer evenings await you at the Bowls and Social Club so come along and join us.

During recent hedge cutting, we found an orange aeroplane. It has been there a while but if it is yours then let me know and we'll get it back to you.

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COOKERY CORNER

By Sue Johnson ☎ 812704



Here is a simple, delicious creamy pasta dish. Takes no longer than 20 minutes to prepare.

THREE CHEESE PASTA (Serves 4)

- 12oz (350g) pasta shapes, such as penne or fusilli
- 6 rashers rindless streaky bacon
- 4oz (100g) Mozzarella, finely chopped
- 3oz (75g) Cheddar, grated
- 2oz (50g) Parmesan cheese, grated
- 5 fl oz (150ml) single cream
- 2-3 tablespoons milk (optional)
- Salt and pepper
- Green salad leaves, to serve

Cook the pasta in a pan of boiling salted water for about 12 minutes, according to packet instructions.

Meanwhile, heat a small frying pan, then cook the bacon until crispy. Drain on kitchen paper.

Drain the pasta and return it to the pan. Stir in the Mozzarella, Cheddar, Parmesan and cream and cook over a low heat, stirring, for 1-2 minutes, until the sauce is just warmed through. If the sauce is too thick, thin it by adding a little milk. Season with salt and pepper to taste.

Arrange the salad leaves onto four serving plates. Spoon the pasta in creamy sauce on top. Serve sprinkled with the crispy bacon bits.

CHEF'S RECOMMENDATIONS: Use your food processor grater blade to grate the Parmesan and Cheddar cheeses. Freeze left-over Parmesan, it can easily be grated from frozen.

VOLUNTEERS NEEDED

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