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April 2022

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Elsenham Village Regular Monthly or Quarterly Activities

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

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 Society 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

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

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

April diary

Sat	2 & 16	Bingo	Bowls & Social Club 7 for 7.30pm
Tues	5 & 19	Village Café Coffee Morning	Memorial Hall 9.30 - 11.30am
Tues	5	Henham & District Garden Soc	Memorial Hall 2.30pm
Tues	5 & 19	Elsenham Community Choir	Village Hall 7pm
Fri	8 & 22	Church Lunch Club	Memorial Hall 12.30pm
Sat	9	Motown Evening	Bowls & Social Club 7.30pm
Tues	12 & 26	Village Café Coffee Morning	Bowls & Social Club 9.30 - 11.30am
Tues	12	Life Drawing	Village Hall 7.30pm
Wed	13	Natter Night	Bowls & Social Club 7.30pm
Thu	14	District Councillors' Surgery	Orwell Hose Station Road 6.30pm
Fri	15	Good Friday Village Ramble	Playing Field Top Car Park 2.15pm
Tues	19	Parish Council Meeting	Old Frank's 7.30pm
Thurs	21	Elsenham WI	Memorial Hall 7.45pm
Sat	23	Whist Drive	Bowls & Social Club 7pm
Thu	28	Annual Parish Meeting	Memorial Hall 8pm
Sat	30	Tennis Club Quiz	Bowls & Social Club 7.30pm

Elsenham Village Regular Weekly Activities

Day	Time	Activity	Location
Monday	9.30-10.30am	Zumba	Memorial Hall
	10.30am	Health walk	Start at De Mandeville Green
	7-8.30pm	Guides	Village Hall (term-time)
	7.30-8.30pm	Shape to the beat	Memorial Hall (not 1st Monday)
Tuesday	4.45-5.45pm	Rainbows	Memorial Hall (term-time)
	6-7.30pm	Brownies	Memorial Hall (term-time)
	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)
	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)
	5.45-6.45pm	Beavers Group 2	Village Hall (term-time)
Saturday	9am-12pm	Junior Football	Playing Field
	8.45-9.30am	Little Kickers Mighty	Village Hall (term time)
	9.35-10.20am	Little Kickers Junior	Village Hall (term time)

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THE NEWS REPORT

From The Editors



The new team did it. We managed to get our first issue of Elsenham News out for the month of March.

For those of you who sent congratulations and thanks, we appreciate your kind comments and will do our best to keep going. For those that weren't so happy, why not come and join us and help keep the News going and up to the standard you are looking for?

We could do with some more help. If you fancy being an editor, we would love to hear from you. All we ask you to do to fill that role is check submitted articles for spelling and grammatical errors and then put them into the house style (change font!). Easy really, once you have the hang of it. Could you spare a few hours a month to do that?

We would also love to hear from someone with Publisher experience (or a similar graphics system) and would be willing to assist. Particularly, a younger member of our community who may want to practice on a regular basis—maybe for their future career or as part of their school work - and contribute at the same time. We look forward to hearing from you.

In the meantime, we will continue with the usual regular features and local community news and hope we succeed in continuing to provide you with your monthly copy of Elsenham News.

On the topic of community, please think about attending the annual Parish Meeting on Thursday 28 April. Have your say. Let your councillors know you think. It would be really good to see a full meeting.

With the Summer fete planning in full swing, make sure you put that date in your diary too. It's always an enjoyable day out and we are sure you will enjoy it. Saturday June 18 is the date you should put on your calendar.

Thank you all again, see you next month!

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ELSENHAM PARISH COUNCIL 7 MARCH 2022

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



Elsenham Parish Council are still looking for new Parish Councillors. The Council meet once a month and there are committees for specific areas, Finance, Flowerbeds, Planning, Playing Fields, Rights of Way and Open Spaces and Communication. If you would like further details, please contact the Parish Clerk louise.epc@gmail.com

The Parish Council are still waiting for the third quote for the new equipment in the children's play area. When it is received the Council will study all three quotes and decide which one to proceed with. The decision will take into consideration the suggestions made by residents and the price. Once the new equipment is installed a bench, dedicated to the late Peter Clear, who was Chairman of the Playing Field Committee for 17 years, will be positioned in the play area.

The Annual Parish Meeting is to be held on Thursday 28 April 2022, at 8.00pm in the Memorial Hall. This is a meeting for residents to have their say on issues in the village. Essex County Councillor Ray Gooding, District Councillor Petrina Lees and our own Parish Council Chairman, Graham Mott, will each give a summary of the last year. There will be an opportunity for you to ask questions.

If a bus stop is not used, it can be removed by Essex County Council. This has happened to a bus stop on Henham Road. Unfortunately, the travel apps and the timetable still refer to this bus stop. However, the buses will stop at non dedicated stops if you put your hand out and if it is safe for the bus to do so.

North Hall Road have extended their road closure date to the 10 November 2022. Hopefully, the road will be open before this date, but for safety reasons some of the work will have to wait until the summer when the river is at its lowest. The work is going to cost in the region of £1million.

Essex Highways are installing enforcement measures on the roads approaching Stansted, this is to stop large vehicles coming through Stansted along Grove Hill and into Elsenham. There will be a weight limit imposed on the centre of Stansted Village. Traffic travelling from Thaxted will be diverted down Hall Road, around Stansted Airport. The police will also be monitoring the traffic lights on Grove Hill for drivers who jump the lights. Satellite navigation companies will amend their routes.

Uttlesford District Council's Planning Department and Planning Committee have been put on special measures based on the number of applications they have refused and then lost at appeal. This means that all major planning applications, over 10 houses may, if the applicant so chooses, be made to the Planning Inspectorate, bypassing Uttlesford District Council. However, if these measures had been in place when the major developments in Elsenham had been submitted, the outcome would have been the same.

The next Parish Council meeting will be Tuesday 19 April 2022, 7.30pm, Old Frank's.

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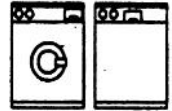


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Spring is here, and we welcome the lighter days. From the 1 April, as I write this, the new norm begins. There will be a hybrid of office and home working and more meetings will be face to face for members. We have employed a new Director of Planning and the transformation of the planning department continues.

Council Tax rebate

Uttlesford households in Council Tax Bands A-D will get a £150 rebate in their Council Tax bill in April this year. This rebate won't have to be repaid and will be made directly by us.

The £150 rebate will not be shown on your bill, nor will it be credited to your Council Tax account.

Eligibility

To be eligible, you need to be living in a property in Council Tax Bands A-D, living in the property as the primary residence of the person liable to pay the Council Tax. If you qualify for the rebate and currently pay your Council Tax by Direct Debit, we'll make the payment directly into your bank account. We expect to make these payments in April and May 2022.

If you missed our Menopause, The Last Taboo Workshop, this was a virtual workshop to help you to feel equipped and more positive about the menopause, as well as understanding the different ways it can be managed.

We teamed up with Over the Bloody Moon, for an interactive, educational menopause workshop to help us understand more about this transition and be able to better spot the signs associated with this time of life. The session got us thinking about how we can be better managers and colleagues, to support those impacted by menopause. Cultivating and opening the conversation is an essential part of removing the taboo from menopause and helps you be a better colleague, partner, and friend. You can watch it on our website.

<https://www.uttlesford.gov.uk/diversity-listening-events>

The wheels are moving really fast on the refugee situation, and we have written to the Home Secretary, we will be working closely with our communities, by the time of publication it will have become clear what "sponsorship" means in practice to help channel the energy and commitment so visible already.

We continue to try and persuade colleagues at Essex to address the issues at North Hall Road Henham and Hall Road in Elsenham.

Our Surgery this month will be April 14 from 6.30pm at Orwell house, Station Road, Elsenham. Feel free to drop in, we are always available via the telephone or Zoom.



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Annual Parish Meeting Thursday 28 April 2022

In the Memorial Hall at 8.00pm

The meeting gives residents the opportunity to have their say on issues in the village.

Essex County Councillor Ray Gooding,
District Councillor Petrina Lees
and the Parish Council Chairman will give reports and be available to answer any questions.

Open Forum: your chance to give your views

Everyone is welcome, and it would be great to hear what you have to say about your village

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DEVELOPMENT DEVELOPMENTS

By Graham Mott ☎ 812516 ✉ motts@grahammott.plus.com



If you've left the village in the direction of Henham recently, you'll know all about the temporary traffic lights at the bend beyond the cricket field. A new access road is under construction which will go as far as the corner of the main part of the site for 350 homes. A more substantial detailed application has been made for the development itself, and Bloor Homes have said that revisions will be made in the light of comments from the Parish Council and others. Despite anxious scanning of the horizon, these revisions are awaited as I write.

350 new homes is as many as the Isabel Drive and Franklin Drive developments combined. One of the rules of the two-phase game which is outline and detailed planning approval is that, for the most part, plans with the outline approval are 'purely illustrative'. Once that approval is secured, the site is flogged off and the new developer starts again. The outfit making the outline application wants to include as many homes as possible, since that will increase the sale price.

Fairfield used the ploy in their outline application of allowing just one parking space for each home, on the grounds that residents would use an enhanced bus service and the train, and there would be no need for more than one car. This was always a non-starter - apart from anything else, it's at odds with Uttlesford's policy, but the application was nonetheless approved, with the caveat that it's for 'up to' 350 homes. Bloor have not attempted to continue the absurd parking strategy - but as they have approval for 350, they are determined to fit in that number through various devices.

They include two blocks of three-storey flats, which have no amenity space. Some of the gardens are below the prescribed size (the sort of argument they use is that 93% or whatever of the whole are up to standard, so why should the remainder matter?). Visitor parking is concentrated too much in two areas rather than being spread around the whole site. The houses on two sides are too close to the perimeter of the site; and there is not enough provision for recreational walking or cycling.

Bloor do not have agreement to a pedestrian link to Hailes Wood, but they try to fudge the issue by using the word 'potential' and saying that the existing informal link can be retained, without acknowledging that it's muddy and constrained and cannot be guaranteed to remain available.

There will admittedly be some benefits. Two much-needed junior football pitches are proposed, together with related amenities. There will be two children's play areas, and Bloor have undertaken to consult the Parish Council concerning equipment to complement provision elsewhere in the village. A 'hedgehog highway' (holes in boundary fences) is promised, although there are no known responses from the potential beneficiaries. Thus it's good news for the young, especially footballers, and spiny nocturnal mammals, but be prepared for yet more traffic for everyone else.

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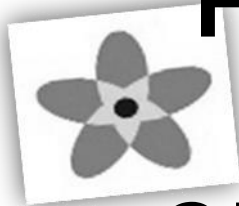
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From The Parish Registers

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NEIGHBOURHOOD WATCH

By Frances Lambert ☎ 07771 728332



Neighbourhood Watch research shows two thirds (67%) of people are worried about their home being broken into, yet there are simple, proven measures we can all take to reduce our chances of becoming a victim of burglary by up to 50%. To help you feel safer at home, we are running our Think WIDE(N) burglary prevention campaign, highlighting the simple, evidence-based WIDE measures which can be taken in any home on a variety of budgets.

At Neighbourhood Watch, we also believe neighbours keeping an eye out for each other is key to reducing burglary, so we've extended the WIDE acronym to WIDE (N):

- W: WINDOWS: Keep your windows locked
- I: INTERIOR: Put inside lights on a timer/smart bulb
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- (N): NEIGHBOURS: Keep an eye out for your neighbours

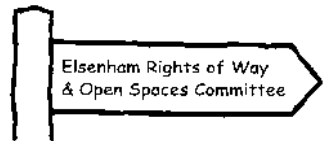
John Hayward-Cripps, CEO of Neighbourhood Watch Network, said 'It is not okay for two-thirds of people to fear being burgled. More needs to be done to help people be and feel safer, and when it comes to burglary, prevention is always better than cure. Since 1982 we have been supporting communities to feel and be safer. We know that by securing your home's windows, interior, doors, exterior and keeping an eye out for neighbours, we can all give ourselves the best chance of not being burgled. If you have been burgled recently, criminals are familiar with your home and may come back once you've had time to purchase new items. Act soon to avoid being retargeted - use the WIDE(N) advice for a combination of simple yet effective prevention measures.'

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Good Friday Village Ramble



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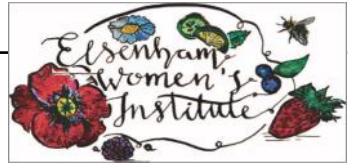
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After a beautiful show of spring flowers around the village, maybe, just maybe we can start looking forward to warmer weather and enjoying the outdoors.

Our April meeting is on Thursday 21st April and the wonderful Nicholas Henderson is coming to Elsenham once again. The topic this time is "Whatever Happened after Henry VIII". If you think history is a bit dry, a bit boring, think again! Nicholas is a very accomplished speaker who manages to bring history to life and has informed, entertained and surprised us with his very own style of finding parallels in modern life. His previous talks have covered the lives (and deaths) of the six wives. This time we will hear of their legacy and what happened next.



Our membership year starts this month and we have been extremely blessed to have quite a number of new members come along. It is lovely to see them finding new friends within our ranks. I remember well my first meeting. I was terrified and was dragged in by my fellow Scot, the much loved and never to be forgotten Avril Braidwood. It was not at all what I expected and, despite saying that I would only go to one meeting, I have only missed two meetings in the 9 years I have been a member.

Our diaries are filling up with Natter Nights, Ladies Who Lunch, a (very) delayed New Year Dinner at Hunters Meet, Cinema Club and County and National Annual Meetings. We held a joint Coffee Morning with Elsenham Village Café in support of St Clare Hospice and a huge thank you to all who supported this worthwhile cause. Our Easter goodies will be on sale in the Post Office this month so please keep a look out for them.

While we are very proud of our Jam and Jerusalem traditions, Elsenham WI is so much more than that and we are always happy to dispel any stereotypes associated with the WI. Why not come along (or come back) – visitors and new members are always welcome.

Details of our programme, events and activities can be found on Facebook, Twitter and Instagram – search for Elsenham WI. Visitors are welcome to our monthly meetings so please come along. We meet at 7.45pm on the third Thursday in the month in the Memorial Hall.
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By Linda Todd, Headteacher



It has certainly felt like spring has sprung at the school with the EGGCITING arrival of an incubator with eggs for hatching. Classes took it in turns to host the brooder box and even enjoy the odd cuddle. After two weeks the chicks were responsibly rehomed.

We have also had the opportunity recently to release our inner creativity working alongside artists from a company called Art Solutions who helped us transform some of our corridor display boards. Our theme was books so characters from traditional tales, Harry Potter and Roald Dahl now adorn our walls.



Of course World Book day was celebrated with the traditional dressing up and we really enjoyed our visit from the author of Stick Boy, Paul Coomey.



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St Clare Hospice, Hastlingwood Road, Hastlingwood, Essex CM17 9JX



St Clare Hospice is once again staging its popular 10k road race, now in its 28th year, starting and finishing from the Hospice in Hastlingwood, Harlow on Sunday 10th April.

The fundraising event for the local charity is open to all abilities. It is ideal for regular running club members looking to boost their training, as well as those who are new to running but looking for a challenge. Wheelchair racers are also welcome and have become an integral part of the event. The race is UK Athletics affiliated and chip-timed so it offers the perfect opportunity to get a new PB for the 2022 race season. There are also trophies up for grabs in the following categories: male, female, seniors, juniors and wheelchair athletes and every participant will get a medal. Last year, the St Clare 10k saw around 400 participants raise more than £11,000 for the Hospice, a target which St Clare is hoping to beat this year.

“The atmosphere at this race is always great, and that’s because people know that every kilometre they cover, they are raising money for our nurses, doctors and care teams to put life into days of people living with a terminal illness. Entry is £13 for an affiliated racer and £15 for a non-affiliated racer, and many people go that extra mile and raise sponsorship on top.

Just £100 could pay for two patients to receive a 90 minute Hospice at Home visit from our nursing assistants. That care makes such a difference to local people and their families. We have downloaded the race times from our 2021 event onto our website, so if you are looking for a time to beat, check them out. “



For more information please contact Challenges and Events Fundraiser Dani De’ath ☐ 01279 773738 or 07718257704 or * dani@stclarehospice.org.uk

Sign up for the St Clare Hospice 10k here

<https://stclarehospice.org.uk/event/st-clare-10k-april-2022/>

There’s no better excuse to get together over a cup of tea, coffee or a slice of cake than to raise funds for your local hospice. This April, reconnect with friends and neighbours by hosting your own tea party, coffee morning or cake afternoon and raise money to fund St Clare Hospice’s care for people in your local community. St Clare Hospice needs your support more than ever. By hosting a coffee, cake and care event this April you could help pay for a home visit by one of our Specialist Doctors.

Visit St Clare Hospice’s website to download your free fundraising pack or get in touch with St Clare Community Fundraiser Ellie Gale on **01279 773734** or email

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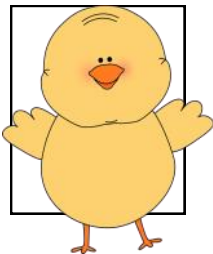
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Just when we thought everything was going so well for us and that 2022 was going to be our year, storms Eunice and Franklin paid us a visit. To say their legacy was devastating is an understatement. Trees were torn down, we flooded, animal enclosures were up turned, large wooden shelters were moved considerable distances by the wind – it was incredible how much damage these storms did.

However, MOST importantly and unbelievably, none of our animals were hurt. They were a tad dazed and confused, but then so were we!

Luckily the flood water receded fairly quickly. We moved the animals affected to new dry shelters and have done our best to tidy up the storm damage.



It is obviously now an ongoing project and one that is going to cost us dear. We are therefore once more asking if you can help us by giving what you can via the following link. Thank you so much.

<https://www.justgiving.com/crowdfunding/alison-thompson-980>

We will of course be open over the Easter holidays and there are lots of lovely new babies waiting to meet you. Please check out our Facebook page for opening hours. Thank you so much for your continued support and we look forward to seeing you again soon.

We **always** need help in so many ways, particularly when there is **so** much to do. So if you have a little time to spare, **please** get in touch, we would **love** to hear from you. Please contact ' 07747 787973 or take a look at our website & www.daisymaysfarm.org to find out more. Thank you so much.

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Thought For The Month

"When I spoke to you last, at Christmas, I asked you all, whatever your religion, to pray for me on the day of my Coronation - to pray that God would give me wisdom and strength to carry out the promises that I should then be making.

Throughout this memorable day I have been uplifted and sustained by the knowledge that your thoughts and prayers were with me. I have been aware all the time that my peoples, spread far and wide throughout every continent and ocean in the world, were united to support me in the task to which I have now been dedicated with such solemnity."

So spoke her Majesty Queen Elizabeth the Second, as she addressed her subjects, on the evening of her Coronation, on the 2nd June, 1953, having acceded to the throne on the 6th February, 1952. This year, we therefore celebrate her Platinum Jubilee.

Seventy years of a new Elizabethan age, an age taking us from the uncertain and austere post-war period, through the collapse of Empire and Britain as a superpower, through the atomic and jet ages, the Cold War, the present war in Europe, Covid, the technological and information revolutions, the cultural and sexual revolutions, Britain's entry and exit of the EU. An age through which Churchill, Truman and Stalin gave way in time to Johnson, Biden and Putin. Yet there Her Majesty stood and still stands, steadfast amongst the changes during her reign, dignified, serene and respected by all, a respect that has grown in each year of her long reign.

Fewer than a tenth of the world's present population were alive in 1952, so Her Majesty represents a seemingly ever-present figure on the world stage to most of us. However, Her Majesty was a young princess and mother of two abroad with her husband when she received the crushing

news that her beloved father, The King, had passed, and with him any semblance of a carefree life for this young family. She was now Queen to a number of countries and, as in the quotation above, aware of the solemn task ahead, a task at which she has excelled.

We have all, during this great reign, benefited from a humble Queen a Christian Queen who, in the address above, thanked her peoples for their prayers and asked God for wisdom and strength to carry out her promises to us all. We can surely agree that that wisdom and strength has been granted and those promises have been carried out admirably.

Her Majesty knew then, that, as we are her subjects, she too is a subject, a subject of God. No less than us, Her Majesty will, in the end, be subject to his judgment, for his reign is eternal and righteous.

The security we have felt from living under a long and just reign for these seven decades is something it is easy to take for granted. Have we served Her Majesty as faithfully as she has served us? We too, can take for granted the eternal and just reign of God the King. Have we, like our Queen, submitted to God's eternal and just reign and have we trusted in Christ's death for our eternal salvation? Only then can we be assured that he will grant to us wisdom and strength if we pray for it.

Saint John says in his Gospel:

"For God so loved the world, that he gave his only begotten Son, that whosoever believeth in him should not perish, but have everlasting life."

So, as we celebrate together this year of Her Majesty's Platinum Jubilee, let us also celebrate together the eternal reign of God and the promise of everlasting life that it offers to us all.

Alexander Way

CHURCH EVENTS IN OUR VILLAGES MARCH 2022

Church Services

St Mary's, Elsenham 8.45am

Sun 3 BCP Morning Prayer
Sun 10 BCP Holy Communion
Sun 17 Joint Easter Service (9.30)
Sun 24 BCP Morning Prayer

St Peter's, Ugley 10.00am

Sun 3 BCP Holy Communion
Sun 10 Morning Service
Fri 15 Hour at the Cross (12 noon)
Sun 17 Morning Service
Sun 24 Morning Service

Elsenham Village Hall 10.15am

Sun 3 Morning Service
Sun 10 Morning Service
Sun 24 Morning Service

St Mary's, Henham 11.15am

Sun 3 Morning Service
Sun 10 Morning Service
Sun 17 Easter All Age Service
Sun 24 Holy Communion

St Mary's, Henham 6.00pm

Sun 3 Sunday@Six
Sun 10 Sunday@Six
Sun 17 Sunday@Six
Sun 24 Sunday@Six

Other Events this Month:

Village Good Friday, 15 April 2022

A short half hour open air service at 1.30pm at Elsenham Memorial Garden, followed by Village Walk leaving from Playing Fields top car park at 2.15pm.

Family Easter Egg Trail, Sat 16th April, 2-4.30pm. Start at Church Hall, Henham and follow the trail to discover the Easter story. Small prize at the end! Suitable for toddlers & primary school children. Any questions contact Isobel on 01279 850354.

Other Regular Events

SUNDAYS

St Peter's Junior Church

St. Peter's Church
10.00am Sunday: 24th

Elsenham Sunday Club/Explorers (Y1-Y5) Old Franks, Elsenham

10.15am Sunday: 24th

Henham Sunday Club/Explorers

(Reception-Y5) Church Hall, Henham
11.00am Sunday: 24th

Pathfinders (Y6-Y9)

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

Sunday: 24th

Crammin' (Y10-Y13)

St Mary's, Henham 6.00pm followed by 6.45pm at the Church Hall, Henham Sunday: 24th

MID-WEEK AND SATURDAY

Start the Week with Prayer

Church Hall, Henham 9.30am
Mondays: 4th, 11th & 25th

Seekers After School Bible Club (Y3-Y4) Old Franks, 3.20pm

Monday: 25th

Christian Play (Y1-Y2)

Rowan House, Elsenham 3.15pm
Tuesday: 26th

Little Fishes Pre-School Group

Church Hall, Henham 10.15am

Thursday: 28th

Little Fishes Pre-School Group

Elsenham Memorial Hall 10.00am

Friday: 29th

Church Lunch Club

Elsenham Memorial Hall 12.30pm
Fridays (2nd & 4th of month): 8th & 22nd

Afternoon Tea

OSCA, Henham 2.00pm

Saturday (3rd of month): 16th

The Churches in Henham, Elsenham and Ugley wish you all a blessed and joyous Easter! 'Praise be to the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ! In his great mercy he has given us [new birth](#) into a living hope through the resurrection of Jesus Christ from the dead'. (1 Peter 1:3)



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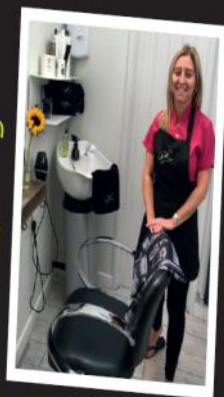
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NATURAL OUTLOOK

By Heather Salvidge 🏡 814153



April is the cruellest month as described by T. S. Eliot, “breeding Lilacs out of the hard land”. He has got it about right except when sometimes it follows at the end of a wet winter. I expect there will still be frosts and high winds but also some occasional very warm spring sunshine and this might just bring out some early butterflies to our open areas or your garden.

Orange tips are so called because the males have an orange area spread over the top half of their forewings; females lack this and can be mistaken for a green-veined white. If you have some early flowering ice plants or mauve honesty, that’s where you could see them. Small tortoiseshell butterflies often overwinter in sheds of some sort and can be seen fluttering against the glass frames when the sun is warm enough. Their fore and hind wings have orange, yellow and black markings and have two borders; the inner has blue spots and the outer a narrow, continuous yellow/brown band. Yellow brimstone males live up to the name, having sulphur yellow wings, each with a pointed tip. Females are a much paler greenish/yellow and can be confused with large whites. If we do get a warm spell later in the month, red admirals might appear. These are larger than small tortoiseshells and are mainly dark brown with white spotted even darker tips to their forewings and a curve of red on all four wings that join to make a circle when the butterfly rests with its wings open.

The avian world has kicked up a gear and is getting busier. Nest building had already started but is now getting serious; rooks, wood pigeons and magpies can be seen “flying around with a twig in its beak” and others are collecting their preferred nesting materials, be it starlings stripping the papery ‘skin’ from honeysuckle, or long-tailed-tits going for mosses, discarded sheep’s wool, spiders’ webs and sufficient feathers for the lining. The moorhens on the ponds at the Aubrey Buxton nature reserve make their nests from rushes, reeds and grass and sometimes use a low overhanging branch as a base. There have been a pair of buzzards drifting around over the village as if checking out potential ‘building sites’. A year or two ago a pair did nest in the far side of Alsa Wood across the M11 and did raise a brood of two young. I wonder whether we will see a repeat performance this year?

Grey squirrels get active, refurbish dreys and start to breed. Much of the frogspawn will have hatched by now and have become tadpoles. Spring flowers come on apace and by the end of the month even the white cow parsley could have made a start.. But please, don’t be tempted to pick bluebells to take home, because they droop almost instantly and don’t revive in water. Just enjoy the spring!

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ELSENHAM FLOWER SHOW SOCIETY

By Sue Johnson ☎ 812704



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✉ susanjohnson09@hotmail.co.uk .

We are extremely grateful to the very kind gentleman who got in touch and delivered several hundred small plastic pots – perfectly timed for all these plants we are growing. Thankyou!

OPEN GARDENS, SUNDAY 26th JUNE

Please get in touch with Steve Hardy ✉ hardy7750@aol.com / ☎ 813763/mobile 07588 695616 if you are considering opening your garden on Sunday 26th June. Steve will be only too happy to talk you through what is required. This is a lovely Elsenham event, providing an opportunity for everyone to wander round the village, meeting up with likeminded friends and neighbours along the way, as well as enjoying the beauties of our lovely local gardens and chatting to their very enthusiastic owners.



ELSENHAM FLOWER SHOW, SATURDAY 20th AUGUST

Have a look at the schedule in last month's magazine and start thinking about which classes you would like to enter in our August Flower Show. It's never too early to start planning. If you need any help or advice, please do not hesitate to be in contact with any of us.

GARDEN HINT *By Sue Johnson*

Remove winter protection from tender plants (but be prepared to replace it in case of late frosts).





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ELSENHAM VILLAGE HISTORY SOCIETY

By Mike Rea, Secretary ☎ 813634 ✉ evhs12@hotmail.co.uk

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Our first meeting of 2022 was well attended and included our AGM which saw the current officers and Committee re-elected to serve for another year. The speaker for the evening was Anthea Hawden from Raking Light, her subject “Church Graffiti” with particular reference to our own St Mary’s.

Raking Light is an organisation that has been set up to provide a searchable resource for enthusiasts and researchers of historic graffiti, masons’ marks, carpenters’ marks, merchants’ marks and protection marks. In fact, if it’s old and inscribed on plaster, stone, wood or any other surface you can think of, then Raking Light are interested in it. Anthea’s talk was very well received and much enjoyed by those present. More information about Raking Light and their work may be found on their website: <https://rakinglight.co.uk/> wherein you can also find photographs of the graffiti to be found in St Mary’s.

Regular readers will be aware that over the years, the Elsenham Parish boundaries have changed many times and I can report that they have now changed once more. This time the boundary has been extended to include the forthcoming Henham Road development and has taken land from Henham Parish. We have just received a copy of the signed official order and our man of maps Dave Verlander will shortly be updating his boundary map to reflect the change. In due course this latest map will be added to the Society’s website.

Also in connection with the Henham Road development, archaeologists have been investigating the area behind the cricket field in advance of the actual development. We have just received a copy of the report from those investigations and a quick look at the summary reveals evidence of prehistoric settlements dating from the late Bronze Age and early Iron Age. Following this period the land was primarily agricultural and apart from the find of a Roman Silver Denarius there was no evidence of later settlements. There were many mediaeval field boundaries identified that accorded with evidence from 19th Century maps and later aerial photographs of crop marks.

Last month I mentioned that a Sally Morgan had contacted us asking for information about the house she used to live in. I am pleased to say that we were able to put her in touch with the current owner and Sally is now able to further her family research. Thank you to those that got in touch to help. As an aside, we have been contacted by a technical author asking to use information from our website which we were pleased to allow. This is proof indeed that our website is a useful resource so why not have a look when you have a few minutes to spare (address above).

Our next meeting will be on Wednesday 8th June when we look forward to welcoming Anthony Tuck who will be speaking about “Newport, A Great and Poor Town”, the story of our neighbour just up the road.

Membership costs just five pounds a year that will allow admission to four meetings which will all feature interesting speakers on a wide range of subjects. Visitors are also very welcome to any of our meetings for just two pounds per evening, we look forward to seeing you soon.



**Welcome to Elsenham Village
Fete 2022!
Saturday 18th June 1-4pm.
(Put this in your diary NOW!!!)**

Fete plans are gathering pace and it's shaping up to be a real corker this year!

We are going to have our lovely circus entertainer Jebb the Jester once more as well as a budding magician, both of whom are going to amaze and astound you! There will lots of attractions, things to buy, things to learn, things to try and fabulous memories to be made.

Our wonderful WI are running the Tea Tent as before (just thinking about their fabulous refreshments is making my mouth water!!) and Serve will be having their delicious vegan curries (and maybe their scrummy chips too!).

Do you have a vehicle that is a bit different? Then please bring it along on the day and show it off and join in with all the quirky wheels we have lined up.

Would you like a stall at our fete? If so, please get in touch with one of us at the bottom of the page or use the form and be part of this brilliant occasion.

We ALWAYS need help on the day, so do you think you could spare a couple of hours and join us in making this day a real celebration? Please contact Elaine Terry (07962 586825/elaine.terry2011@btinternet.com or Allan Hathaway (07811 386027/allanhathaway@sky.com) – we want to hear from you!!

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I would like to remind readers of the walk routes on the Society's website, www.hundredparishes.org.uk. All routes can be download and printed. They include route instructions and information about the places you will pass. Each of the hundred parishes is included in at least one route and there are walks for all abilities. The routes have been designed to take you through interesting places and lovely countryside. Before setting off, you might like to check the relevant parish introductions on our website; there, you will find details of local tea rooms and pubs, etc. It's best to check with the pub to see if it will be open on the day and time that you will need it.

Most of our routes include footpaths or bridleways where good footwear will make life more comfortable. A modest investment in a good pair of walking boots is recommended. Carry boot covers or plastic bags to put on before visiting a pub or church – or leave boots outside. Check the weather forecast and be prepared - with waterproof top, woolly hat or sunscreen.



Hatfield Broad Oak

Whether or not you are using one of the Society's routes, please be sure to follow the Countryside Code. I summarise a few points that are mainly common sense:

Respect everyone • be considerate to those living in, working in and enjoying the countryside • leave gates and property as you find them • do not block access to gateways or driveways when parking • be nice, say hello • keep to marked paths.



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In February our monthly General Meeting was held on the 17th and the largest number of members since before the pandemic attended it. The talk, a fascinating and entertaining history of Stansted Hall, was given by Tanya Fern-Smith to both our members and (thanks to Zoom) to members of the Town Twinning Association in Rungis, France.

Thank you to Richard Haywood and Bob Dean for their joint technical expertise and to Liz Johnson for giving the introduction to the meeting in French. Tanya lives at the Hall and is its manager. She spoke with considerable knowledge and evident enthusiasm. Her talk was greatly appreciated, and we are hoping to follow it up with a conducted tour of the Hall, perhaps when friends from Rungis visit in the Summer.



Tanya Fern-Smith delivering her talk on Stansted Hall on 17th February

Before the meeting, Jo Brooks showcased the Art House Film Group with a display of some of the films from different periods and cultures which are presented and discussed each month.

On Saturday 19 February Touchpoint opened to coincide with Stansted Library's "Love your Library" event. Stansted Mountfitchet u3a joined the event to promote the benefits of u3a membership. There was a fun display of work from the Knitting and Crochet Group as well as some beautiful examples of the Card Makers' work, all of which provoked much interest.

At the April General meeting on the 21st we will again be visited by Peter Regelous who will give his talk "A Funny Thing happened on the Way to Life". Peter recalls some of the colourful characters he came across during his past life in Showbiz.

If you are retired, part time or fully, and are looking to have some fun by learning something new, pursuing an existing interest and/or socialising with a friendly group of people, then why not join us. Our contact details are at the top of this article.

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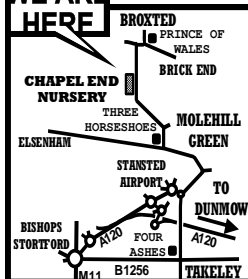
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Many people had found out the hard way that if your house stood on clay soil and it rained and people took baths there were BIG problems. Rainwater would help to fill your Septic Tank and nasties would erupt from your manholes. A rapid phone call to a company called "Tovey Transport" would be in order.

This company were "Night Soil" collectors and also specialised in pumping out Septic Tanks. I do hope you are not eating dinner BUT my then neighbours had hand pumps which meant they could avoid the far-from-small charge by pumping out their tanks. Only problem was the smell was horrid and the "water" had to go somewhere. I use the word "water" quite wrongly.

This meant that many were stuck with what they had until the main sewer came.

As one of the proud owners of an outdoor toilet I was in that unhappy situation.

Recommended reading is "Diary of a Privy Builder," by Len Putt. If you can obtain a copy of this small book, be prepared for a laugh.

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ELSENHAM BOWLS AND SOCIAL CLUB

By Sue Waite



This is a shout out to all young people who are 9 years old and over

Elsenham Bowls Club would like to start a club for you to learn how to bowl outdoors and have some fun too.

Starting at the beginning of May, the club would run every Friday from 4 – 5pm. No equipment is needed just flat shoes. Experienced coaches will be available, and we will provide refreshments.

If you are interested, then get in touch with Sue Waite, 07956 899326,

suewaite2003@yahoo.co.uk or Trevor Hackett, 07445 437437

Hope to hear from you soon – don't forget to tell your friends.

Dates for your diary

As the first one was so successful, we have decided to have another Whist Drive on the 23rd of April – 7 p.m. to start at 7.30 p.m. If you would like to learn how to play whist or crib then come along to the club on a Monday night from 7 p.m. where we have practice sessions.

The Green opens on the 23rd April with our first game of the season, the Two Wood event starting at 10.30.

Maybe I'll see you there x

STANSTED HALL & ELSENHAM CRICKET CLUB

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



The club begins the season in mid-April with friendlies against Stansted and Thorley. The Herts & Essex Border League matches begin on April 30th with the 1st XI hosting Abridge and the 2nd XI travelling to Sawbridgeworth III. In the HEBL Cup the 1st XI play at Stansted on May 24th and the 2nd XI play Hockerill II away in the HEBL Shield. In the Boardmans Davies Cup the club are at home to Takeley on June 15th.

The Juniors are waiting for fixtures to be announced but they will be playing at all age groups in the West Essex District League. Our young players have been netting at Hockerill School and some players have been trialling for the District team. Work at the Molehill Green ground has been completed and the club looks forward to seeing many junior matches at the ground this season. It is a lovely ground in a quiet location and the facilities are excellent – we have recently purchased a mobile net. Our junior 'All Stars' 5 to 8 year group will use the ground this season on a Friday evenings.

The club has been busy during the winter months trying to raise money in various ways including a successful Quiz Night run by Jason Brown. The club also had a small Presentation Evening for the 1st XI who won the Premier Division in 2021. The club continues to look for members of all ages – if you are interested please contact me as above. Roll on the summer – please let the sun shine !!!

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ELSENHAM TENNIS CLUB

By Petra Studholme ☎814667



ETC Quiz Night on Saturday, 30 April 2022, 7.30 for 8pm start at the Bowls Club
£8 per head / brain and 8 per table please. On offer are good fun, a serious brain workout, raffle and a ploughman's supper which can be washed down with some beverage from the Bowls Club bar. Bookings in advance to Petra Studholme 07884 024 106 or even better: mail@elsenhamtennisclub.co.uk.

Our new season is starting April 2022

Despite a small increase year on year to cover essential maintenance on our facilities, ETC fees are still amongst the lowest in the area:

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Try before you join – why not hire our courts to play with friends and family - £2 per adult, £1 for students and 50p for under 18s. You can email us or message on Facebook for availabilities, but please if possible give us 24hrs notice as we need to arrange to open the courts for you.

Cardio tennis sessions on a Tuesday at 6.30pm and Thursday at 7.30pm

It's basically sign up every week if you want to participate. Register your interest now (even if you are not a member) for a taster session by contacting Steve (head coach) directly via email to stevesmith865@hotmail.com or call/ text 07790 561 817. Steve also does a weekly group session on a Thursday at 6.30pm which is very popular as well as individual lessons which can be arranged privately.

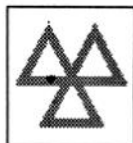
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Tuesday evening – 7.30pm club night
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SCOUTING NEWS

By Matt Morland (Akela) ☎ 07747 272706

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1st Henham & Elsenham's rapidly expanding Group continues to raise more challenges to our administration and leadership team, not least trying to remember to get this article written each month as well as trying to fit in all the activities we have taken part in and those who have helped us!

Our Beavers have held a Pancake Olympics with lots of pancake-related events, taken a Springwatch walk around Henham to identify the changes the new season brings, and a Mother's Day crafts evening. Cubs have been practising rope and knot skills by making structures from sticks and strings, held a pancake evening, practised cycle safety, made bird boxes and taken part in a night hike across Henham. Our Scouts tried handball (thank you Annika from <https://stortfordhandball.co.uk/>), used their DIY skills by making "birthday cakes" (which are used to practise fire lighting) from large cable reels, practised knots and lashings and refreshed themselves on camping skills and preparation.

This month our leaders have had the opportunity to take part in the yearly Essex Scout School in Chelmsford where trainers and validators attend from across the county to run all of the adult training modules. This is a great opportunity for adults to gain more knowledge and experience in practical skills, administration, health and safety, safeguarding, diversity and inclusion, and lots, lots more.

With the long-awaited lifting of Covid restrictions we are now able to start planning camps for our members, and our Section Leadership teams are well under way with exciting preparations for Scout Backpack Camp at the end of March as well as the Cubs Mega Camp and Scouts Epic Camp in the Summer.



As a consequence of our expansion and the increase in scope of activities available to us post-Covid, our Group is now in need of much more equipment to support our young people in the activities they undertake, such as tents, cooking and camp equipment and activity materials. We will begin dedicated fundraising activities to help with this and any help from our community will be gratefully appreciated. If you may be able to help us in any way, either through organising fundraising events, accessing grants or donations, supply of materials, or just as an extra pair of hands, please do get in touch:



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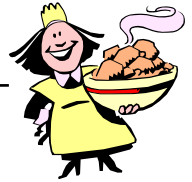
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COOKERY CORNER

By Sue Johnson ☎ 812704



This zesty cake can be put together in no time. Something delicious for Easter perhaps!

CITRUS, ALMOND AND YOGURT CAKE (serves 12)

6oz (175g) soft butter, plus extra for greasing

7oz (200g) golden caster sugar (plus 2 tablespoons for the syrup)

5oz (150g) self-raising flour

4oz (100g) ground almonds

3 eggs

3oz (75g) full fat natural yoghurt

1 lemon and 1 orange, both zested and juiced

½oz (15g) toasted flaked almonds

Melt the butter in a small pan over a medium heat. Remove from heat and leave to cool slightly. Meanwhile, grease a 9 inch (23cm) cake tin and line with baking parchment. Heat the oven to 180°C/fan 160°C/gas 4.

Put the 200g golden caster sugar, flour and ground almonds in a large bowl and mix well. Whisk the eggs and yogurt into the cooled melted butter, then pour this into the bowl with the dry ingredients and the lemon and orange zest. Stir with a spatula until there are no streaks of flour, then scrape the mixture into the tin and bake in the oven for 40 to 50 minutes.

Put the juices with the two tablespoons of golden caster sugar into a small pan. Simmer for 5-10 minutes, until the juice has reduced to a syrup.

Check if the cake is cooked, using a skewer inserted into the middle. Cook the cake for another few minutes if not quite done. When the skewer comes out dry, then take out of the oven and leave to cool in the tin for 5 minutes, then spoon over the citrus syrup. Leave to cool for 10 minutes more, then remove from the tin.

Scatter over the flaked almonds.

CHEF'S RECOMMENDATIONS:

Delicious served warm topped with a drizzle of cold cream. For an extra sweet topping, mix a tablespoon of yoghurt with 2oz (50g) icing sugar to make a thick icing, then spoon onto the cake allowing the topping to drip over the sides and sprinkle with the flaked almonds.

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Tues 3	Henham & District Garden Soc	Outing
Tues 3 & 17	Elsenham Community Choir	Village Hall 7pm
Mon 9	Parish Council Meeting	Memorial Hall 8pm
Tues 10 & 24	Village Café Coffee Morning	Bowls & Social Club 9.30 - 11.30am
Tues 10	Life Drawing	Village Hall 7.30pm
Thurs 12	Elsenham Community Association Meeting	Memorial Hall 7.45pm
Fri 13 & 27	Church Lunch Club	Memorial Hall 12.30pm
Sat 14	Bingo	Bowls & Social Club 7.30 for 8pm
Thurs 19	Elsenham WI	Memorial Hall 7.45pm
Sat 21	Flower Show Plant Sale	See May edition of Elsenham News

The First Fifteen Lives of Harry August

By Claire North



Reviewed by Marion Giles for Elsenham Book Group

'No matter what he does or the decisions he makes, when death comes, Harry always returns to where he began, a child with all the knowledge of a life he has already lived a dozen times before. Nothing ever changed - until now. As Harry nears the end of his eleventh life, a little girl appears at his bedside. 'I nearly missed you, Doctor August,' she says. 'I need to send a message.' This is the story of what Harry does next, and what he did before, and how he tries to save a past he cannot change and a future he cannot allow... ..' So says the blurb on the back of the book.

'Beautiful and gripping' – The Guardian

The First Fifteen Lives of Harry August was the choice of the book group this month. It is a whopper of a story with 448 pages but is a page-turner and so doesn't feel like a long read.

Harry August has a pretty ordinary life. He is born in Berwick-upon-Tweed in 1919 and dies in a hospital in Newcastle in 1989. In the meantime he has different jobs, various relationships and tries to move on from his difficult family life. Following his death, he finds himself back in 1919 but as a child again. However, he has retained the memories from his prior life. This is very confusing for him and he doesn't handle it well. However, it happens again, and again.

Harry finds out he is an Ouroboran, which means he will go round and round, destined to live his life over and over. He is one of many, although not all retain their earlier memories. Harry does, which makes him a mnemonic referred to as Kalachakra.

Through the overlapping lifespans of others like him, it is possible to send and receive messages from both the distant past and future that supports and helps them. In Harry's eleventh life, a young girl visits him when he is dying and tells him that the world is ending. So, messages from the future have started to change, warning that the world is accelerating towards an inevitable end.

When Harry notices that amazing technology appears decades early, he realises that one of their number has betrayed them and is using their power for their own ends, with destructive consequences for humanity.

Harry has been tasked with finding out what is happening. Why him? It must be because of something in his own life that he needs to stop or is it someone? He doesn't know but the story becomes a race between a hunter and the hunted. Who will get there first?

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