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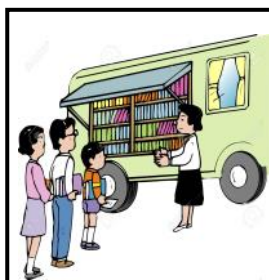
Parish Council 1st **Monday** of month 8pm (excl. Bank Holidays) Memorial Hall
 Natter Night 2nd **Tuesday** of month 7.30pm Bowls & Social Club
 Village Café Coffee 1st & 3rd **Tuesday** 9.30 - 11.30am Memorial Hall
 2nd & 4th **Tuesday** 9.30 - 11.30am Bowls & Social Club
 Henham & District Garden 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
 Church Lunch Club 2nd & 4th **Friday** of month 12.30pm Memorial Hall

April 2023 diary

| | | | |
|-------|---------|-------------------------------|---------------------------------------|
| Sat | 1 | Tennis Club Quiz | Bowls & Social Club 7.30pm |
| Mon | 3 | Parish Council Meeting | Memorial Hall 8pm |
| Tues | 4 & 18 | Village Café Coffee Morning | Bowls & Social Club 9.30 - 11.30am |
| Tues | 4 | Henham & District Garden Soc | Memorial Hall 2.30pm |
| Tues | 4 & 18 | Elsenham Community Choir | Village Hall 7pm |
| Fri | 7 | Good Friday Service | Memorial Garden 1.30pm |
| Fri | 7 | Good Friday Ramble | The Crown Car Park 2.15pm |
| Sat | 8 | Bingo | Bowls & Social Club 7 for 7.30pm |
| Tues | 11 | Natter Night | Bowls & Social Club 7.30pm |
| Tues | 11 | Life Drawing | Village Hall 7.30pm |
| Fri | 14 & 28 | Church Lunch Club | Memorial Hall 12.30pm |
| Thurs | 20 | Elsenham WI | Memorial Hall 7.45pm |
| Thurs | 20 | District Councillors' Surgery | Orwell House, Station Road 5.30pm |
| Sun | 23 | Coronation Afternoon Tea | St Mary's Church 2—5pm |

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 |
| | 7-7.45pm | Boxercise | Village Hall |
| | 7.30-8.30pm | Shape to the beat | Memorial Hall (not 1st Monday) |
| Tuesday | 9.30-1.30pm | Touchpoint Food Share | Bowls & Social Club |
| | 4.45-5.45pm | Rainbows | Memorial Hall (term-time) |
| | 4.45-5.45pm | Beavers Group 2 | Henham Village Hall (term-time) |
| | 6-7.15pm | Cubs | Henham Village Hall (term-time) |
| | 6-7.30pm | Brownies | Memorial Hall (term-time) |
| | 7.30-10.30pm | Tennis Club night | Tennis Courts |
| | 8pm | Fitness Yoga/Pilates | Memorial Hall |
| Wednesday | 9.45-11.30am | Tots & Toddlers | Memorial Hall (term-time) |
| | 5.30-7.30pm | Slimming World | Memorial Hall |
| | 5.45-6.45pm | Beavers | Henham Village Hall (term-time) |
| | 7-9pm | Scouts | Henham Village Hall (term-time) |
| Thursday | 6-7.15pm | Cubs | Henham Village Hall (term-time) |
| | 6.45 - 7.45pm | Jump Fit | Elsenham Village Hall |
| Friday | 10-11am | Little Fishes | Memorial Hall (term-time) |
| 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



Any community, particularly a smaller one like Elsenham, is always reliant on a small group of volunteers to make things happen.

Whether it's the sports teams (seniors or juniors), neighbourhood watch, the annual fete, the flower show and even this publication, all are reliant on volunteers.

These volunteers are normally people who want to do something for their community, want to make a difference or give something back. However, every volunteer and voluntary organisation could always do with an extra pair of hands. The difference new volunteers make could be significant. How many years has Elsenham held its annual village fete? This event could be in jeopardy if new blood is not forthcoming.

If you have lived in Elsenham for many years, have you contributed? If you moved here more recently for a better way of life or standard of living, what are you doing to make sure Elsenham stays a great place to live?

There are so many different organisations in the village that would welcome more helpers, more people getting involved. Why not you?

If you prefer to sit back and relax and let others make your community for you, don't be surprised if you don't get what you think is important to you.

There are also ways to give your views on what is going on. The District councillors hold their surgery every month, pay them a visit if you have an issue (see page 7). The Elsenham Parish Council would welcome your thoughts on a new community hall (see page 17).

Go on, volunteer or at least have your say.

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Welcome to Elsenham Village Fete Saturday 17 June 2023 1 - 4pm

(Put this date in your diary NOW!!!)

Fete plans are gathering pace and it is shaping up to be a real corker for 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 be lots of attractions, things to buy, things to learn, things to try and fabulous memories to be made.



We are working hard on having activities for the younger members of our community as well as the adults. We intend having lots of games and entertainment for all ages and if you have any ideas, please let us know.

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 the fete? If yes, 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 help 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'd love to hear from you.**

Let's make this a fete to remember!!

Please reserve __ pitch(es) for me at the Elsenham Village Fete on Saturday 17 June

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Between the last two censuses (held in 2011 and 2021), the population of Uttlesford increased by 15%, from around 79,400 to 91,300. The population here increased by a greater percentage than the overall population of the East of England (8.3%), and by a greater percentage than the overall population of England (up 6.6% since the 2011 Census).

We are delighted that our Cost-of-Living Support Fund to provide a council tax discount fund was passed at the last Council Meeting. As we recognise the cost-of-living crisis is causing hardship to residents who are unable to improve their circumstances in the short term, this is for ANYONE in the district who needs help with their Council Tax, whatever band you are in. The scheme ends on 31 March 2024. For more information please go to www.uttlesford.gov.uk.

This month we will be asking the Council to approve a motion to ask Essex to remove their “one size fits all policy” regarding the booking system at our Saffron Walden Refuse Centre. 99% of those who responded to our survey were opposed to the booking for waste disposal.

We will also be addressing the issue of devolution that is being discussed at the Essex Leader Meetings. Essex County Council together with Southend and Thurrock (which was found to have debts of £1bn, and lost control of its finances) are pitching to the government a “Devo Deal” which may include an elected mayor governing Essex. Uttlesford along with the 11 other district, borough or city councils have been consulted and will not have a final say in what won’t be, but we believe should be, a democratic process. Proponents believe the combined authority will improve economic prosperity. We believe that bigger is not always better, and we are concerned about how residents will be represented locally.

We are delighted that the housing regulatory body has recognised that we self-referred to them, due to our concerns of the level of council house stock. They have decided that our future plans are sound, and no further measures are required. It is arguable that notwithstanding the hard work of our officers, on a strategic level, there has been many years of under investment in our council housing. We must always do the right thing, and sort out the problems that present themselves, even if not of our own making and involve publicity that isn’t always welcome..

On a more local level, Garry has been attending the Airport Advisory Panel and there is a proposal to change the flight paths of planes flying over Thaxted, leaving and arriving at the airport. Last summer the CAA tested some new flight paths, one of which flew directly over Henham and Elsenham.

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ELSENHAM PARISH COUNCIL MARCH 2023

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



Elsenham Youth Football Club have obtained a Pitch Power report. This report is the basis for applying for grass pitch maintenance funding. The football club has until now been unable to move forward with the application due to the condition that the grant applicant must either own the freehold or hold a long lease on the land. However, this rule has now changed to allow a football club to apply, so long as they have the agreement of the parish council as the landowner. The parish council agreed to give their permission.

An article was posted on Facebook asking for suggestions for the new community hall. Thank you to the 40 people who have so far replied. There have been some great ideas.

The parish council is joining the '20 is Plenty for Essex campaign'. This campaign started in December 2022 and since then 43 Essex parish councils have joined up to try to make 20mph the standard speed limit in villages where people and vehicles mix. However, if the road was '20 is plenty' it would not be enforceable but if the road was a 20mph zone it would be.

District Cllr. LeCount is still having ongoing talks with Stansted Airport regarding airport parking in the villages. Two suggestions have been put to Stansted Airport: that they could reduce their parking fees or set up a park and ride just outside the airport. Stansted airport are looking at plans to vary the flight paths. At present the flight path takes the planes over Thaxted. The new plans would divert the planes with a third over Thaxted, a third over Elsenham and a third towards Bishop's Stortford.

The date for the Countryside application for 130 new homes opposite the Crown pub is to be heard by the Inspectorate on 13 April 2023. The first new resident to move onto the Bloor Homes development of 350 new houses is expected at the end of April or early May 2023.

The parish council agreed not to proceed with the transfer of the ownership for the public open spaces and the sustainable drainage systems (SuDs) on the Bloor Homes development, for two reasons. The developer was not giving any maintenance provisions and the three SuDs would require professional maintenance.

The parish council are, however, agreeable to the transfer of the football pitch and changing rooms. The parish council will take over the ownership of the land and then lease it to Elsenham Youth Football Club.

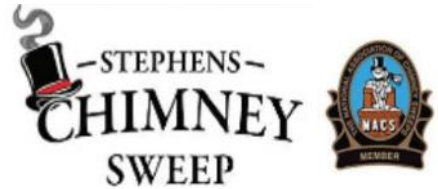
The next Parish Council meeting will be on Monday 3 April at 8pm in the Memorial Hall. All residents are welcome.



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DEVELOPMENT DEVELOPMENTS

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



Any potential new tenants of the Crown need to be aware of the application by the ironically-named Countryside Partnerships to build 130 new homes in the field to the south of the pub. They have now submitted a much-revised Transport Addendum Report, complete with 12 appendices and six pages of drawings, which claims, of course, to put right any small deficiencies in their previous Report, but in fact chucks the whole thing out of the electronic window and starts again. The Parish Council's transport consultant has considered all this new stuff and has written a Response to say that it makes little difference to his previous adverse conclusions.

Attentive readers will know that this application has been brought under Section S62A, whereby Uttlesford District Council was 'designated' because too many of their refusals were overturned at Appeal. Developers now have the choice of going direct to the Planning Inspectorate for determination. Whatever other advantage they might have anticipated through this course, speed of decision should not be one of them. The Countryside application has now been continuing since August 2022. Elsewhere, the Hearing into the application by Bloor to tack another 200 homes onto the 350 which they're building already was held on 12 December. Over the past month, the only development is a whimsical update to the Inspectorate's website on 16 February to say that the Target Decision Date is 13 January.

If these developers had taken the alternative option of applying to UDC's Planning Committee they would have a decision by now. If it went against them, they could still appeal (they can't appeal if they go direct to the Inspectorate and are refused). But Appeals take time too. An Appeal on grounds of non-determination was lodged regarding an application for a 'Wellness Hub' on the Stansted side of the motorway in January 2022, and it was eventually allowed in February 2023. The access will be from the main road, between the motorway and May Walk. Whether this will prove to answer a keenly-felt local need remains to be seen. Informal interest in occupying the units has been expressed for palm healing (whatever that may be), facial aesthetics (ditto), a nail bar (which I shall not be patronising) and yoga classes (ditto).

An application to build five houses to the south of The Old Vicarage off Hall Road was made in September 2022, and then went into hibernation. It has been revived in the form of a revised site layout, which shows that space has now been made for an open green area by shuffling the houses up a bit and reducing the size of the gardens. Disappointingly, the proposal is still for five large five-bedroom houses; clearly the application has more to do with the need of the developers for profit than local need for housing. The application was 'called in' by our District Councillor for determination by UDC's Planning Committee on the grounds of access and visibility, and impact on heritage assets.



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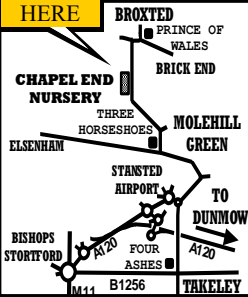
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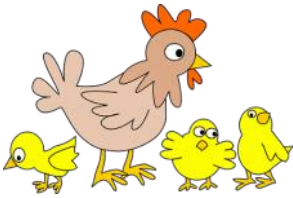


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If you have a child's birthday coming up, why not have your party with us at the farm? Perhaps you arrange school trips? Then come and have a chat with us, we love having the school children here and they love coming here for an informative and fun day out!

There is so much going on at our farm at the moment, we really hope to see you.

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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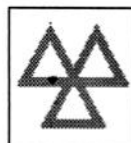
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NEIGHBOURHOOD WATCH

By Frances Lambert ☎ 07771 728332



As we come out of winter and into spring, we try, if possible, to get out into the garden to start to get ready for summer, fix the hedge before the birds take up residence and start to nest, or fix that fence panel that didn't withstand the winter winds so well, or just tidy up and sweep up the winter debris. Whatever you are doing, do please remember to put all your tools out of sight at the end of the day, and not leave them for someone to collect from you overnight.

Like many of you I have a Ring doorbell watching out for me so I can see who is outside before I answer the door, but I have also seen a lot of footage from residents, of people going into their garden at night and taking pots with plants or children's toys with a caption "Do you recognise this person"? Please don't give the opportunists your hard-earned money, by leaving tools out overnight, and remember they could also use these tools to get into your own property.

I was once told by a police home safety officer, to stand on the pavement in front of my house and imagine I was a burglar looking for my next target, and see my house from their eyes....There is a high hedge in front of the house....easy to hide behind if any one is about, The wheelie bin is outside by the fence or back gate.....making it easy to get over the fence.....no lights on in the house....could be empty and no one at home.....post that has been sticking out of the letter box for a few days....they may be away....No outside lights.....easier to hide in the dark..... No lock or bolt on a side gate....easy to access the back garden. Please don't make it easy for them, make your property as secure as you can, which will help to keep you and your family, and your property and possessions, as safe as possible.

If you have any information regarding incidents contact Essex Police on '101 or Crimestoppers anonymously on ' 0800 555 111.

ELSENHAM FLOWER SHOW SOCIETY

By Sue Johnson ☎ 812704



Elsenham Flower Show - Saturday 19 August 2023

Unfortunately, we made a mistake in the schedule printed in the centre pages of last month's magazine. *Last year's Handicraft Class 81 "A Decorated Box" is different for 2023.*

The schedule should read:

Class 80 "An article of Crochet"

Class 81 "A Piece of Origami"

The corrected version of the schedule will be reprinted in the August Elsenham News. Our sincere apologies to all our village crafters for any confusion caused.



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The Parish Council are in the early stages of planning the new community hall in the village and would like views from residents on what is needed.

Please answer the following questions, rip this page out and drop it in the box we have left in the post office. Alternatively, please have a look on Elsenham Parish Council's facebook page for an online form to complete or you can scan the QR code at the top of this page. Closing date for responses is 30/04/2023.

What do you think our community is missing that could be included within a community hall/centre?

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ELSENHAM VILLAGE HISTORY SOCIETY

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Our March meeting was also our AGM during which the Officers were re-elected for another year and Tony Bailey was elected to the Committee. This leaves one committee vacancy still to be filled.

Our speaker for the evening was our own Chris Bush who stepped up to present the Story of Park Road which he described as possibly the oldest new development in the village. Why though was Park Road built? Sir Walter wanted to provide accommodation for his key workers but he also wanted a direct route to the station for his many trips to London. Construction of the first houses started in the mid-1890s and it was about this time that Sir Walter's wife died whereupon he erected the pumphouse in her memory in 1896.

Gates were erected across Park Road at the limit of the then building, these gates only being opened to allow Sir Walter to drive up to the station. The road beyond this point being known at one time as Park Drive. It may be noted that until the railway was electrified in 1986, the canopy of the waiting room on platform 1 was extended over the rails so that first class passengers could board their train without getting wet when it was raining.

After the sale of the Gilbey Estate in 1922, the land north of the gates was purchased by Elijah Smith who proceeded to build a number of houses northwards along the road. The gates were removed and the track to the station abandoned, the whole becoming Park Road.

On part of this land lived Harry Lodge, a skilled upholsterer and market gardener. He famously lived in a converted railway carriage and being a bit of a character, many are the stories told of his exploits. The last bit of Park Road to be developed was Coriander Drive which became available for occupation in 1995.

Chris concluded his talk by saying that Park Road was famous for its potholes. In 2018 a residents association was proposed and after it came into being a contractor was employed to properly resurface the road. This made a great difference and the several speed bumps installed with built in "cats eyes" at night made the road resemble the landing approach to Heathrow.

Everyone that reads this has very probably driven past the Stansted Windmill and if you're like me wondered why it was built, when it was built and how it has managed to survive. All will be revealed at our next meeting on Wednesday 14 June 2023 when Tony Wellings will be coming along to tell the story of the mill. This will be a very interesting talk and as always, visitors will be very welcome for a small fee, just two pounds. For only five pounds however, you can become a member and enjoy four interesting evenings of talks through the year. We look forward to seeing you there.



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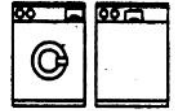
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By Margaret Shaw



Good Friday Village Ramble

Please join us on our next village ramble on Good Friday 7th April 2023. Meet at 2.15pm at The Crown. This is a long standing village tradition but numbers have dwindled since restarting after lockdowns. This is a good chance to catch up with friends and acquaintances during a relaxed ramble on local footpaths and great way to discover safe local walks and meet new people if you are new to the area.



Everyone welcome. Bring the children and dogs (dogs on leads please). Unfortunately the paths are probably too difficult for prams or wheelchairs.



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Elsenham Village Warm Place

By the time you read this our Warm Place in the Memorial Hall will have come to an end for this year. We would like to thank the Elsenham Community Association for allowing us to hold our Warm Place in the hall and especially to Margaret Shaw who kept an eye on our spending of the grant money received from UDC.

We hope that if you came along to our Warm Place you did indeed find it warm and welcoming, with lovely food and good company. I would like to thank Lynda J, Lynda B, Gill, Barbara and Penny for all the help and support given to us to run the Warm Place and a big thank you to all of you who joined us week after week, we enjoyed your company and your laughter. Hopefully we can do the same next year.

You can continue to keep warm by joining us for our coffee morning every Tuesday, either in the Memorial Hall or the Bowls Club from 9.30 to 11.30am. We serve delicious toast, tea cakes and sometimes bacon rolls as well as tea and coffee. It's donations only with no pressure to pay.

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ELSENHAM WOMEN'S INSTITUTE

By Moyra Jackson ☎ 647351



Looking out at my garden as I write this I can see lots of beautiful spring bulbs – and there is a snow warning on the radio. Most definitely a case of ‘Cast ne’er a clout’

Our last meeting was ‘Show The Love’ – our opportunity to turn our attention to climate change and what we can do to protect this beautiful planet of ours. This time we had the larger than life Hawk Honey who talked about The Forgotten Bees. I certainly did not know how many native bees and pollinators there are in the UK. Did you know that bees were just vegetarian wasps? There were a few gasps at that little nugget! All those bug hotels we have in our gardens – for most success have them on a south-facing wall. Keep as much deadwood in your garden as you can – pollinators love it, as do other insects.

If you have never been to one of our meetings because you have a set idea of what WI meetings are like, then this is one to come to and let us change your mind. I am delighted to say we have the glorious Iestyn Edwards coming along in his own unique style with ‘My Tutu Went AWOL’. The competition is part of our Rainbow theme and is ‘Something Pink’.



Our programme for 2023 is now complete and provides a wide variety of speakers, events and opportunities to try something just a bit different. All our events are on our Facebook page and our contact details are at the back of this magazine. The membership year runs from 1 April to 31 March. It is a wonderful way to meet new friends and 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.

Elsenham WI – There’s a lot going on!

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Thought For The Month by *Louis Wilson*

A secondary school pupil once emailed me to ask why I believed in God. I replied with two reasons:

Firstly, the God who speaks through the Bible makes sense of the world and humanity in a way that other ideas and religions do not. This God tells me that I have a purpose (to glorify the God who made me); and a problem (I want to glorify myself); but that he has provided a solution (forgiveness and reconciliation through Jesus Christ). As far as I know, no other religion or philosophy addresses and provides for our greatest need: forgiveness.

Secondly, the resurrection of Jesus Christ. Jesus was a real person who lived in a real place during real history. He did all sorts of extraordinary things and made extraordinary claims. When people asked for a sign to indicate who he was, Jesus was reluctant, for miracles rarely convince so he promised just one – the sign of the prophet Jonah.

Jonah was thrown into the sea and given up for dead in the stomach of a great fish. But miraculously on the third day, he was spat out alive. Jesus said: If I am raised to life on the third day, that will be the sign that everything I have said about myself is true.

The resurrection of Jesus Christ from the dead proves his word. For those who will examine it, the evidence is solid and convincing. Christians therefore have a living Lord and Saviour.

But more than that, the resurrection of Christ is a promise. A few years ago, I took the funeral of a Christian family relation whose body, racked with cancer, had grown weak and frail. But because of the resurrection, there was no need to remember him that way.

As Jesus died on a cross, his body grew weak and frail. But God raised him to a new physical body. And the Bible wants us to know that what happened to Christ is what will happen to Christians. Like thread attached to a needle, if we are connected to Jesus, because he went through death, and safely out the other side, we can too.

As the apostle Paul puts it in 1 Corinthians 15:54 - Our *dying* bodies must be transformed into bodies that will never die; our *mortal* bodies must be transformed into *immortal* bodies. And then when that has happened, the Scripture will be fulfilled: Death is swallowed up in victory.

Have a very happy Easter,

Louis

CHURCH EVENTS IN OUR VILLAGES APRIL 2023

Church Services

Sunday 2nd April

10:15 All Together Family Service,
Elsenham Village Hall (EVH)

18:00 Sunday@6, Henham Church

Friday 7th April Good Friday

12:00 Hour at the Cross, Ugley Church

13:30 Village Good Friday, Elsenham
Memorial Gardens

15:00 All Age Service, Henham Church

Easter Sunday 9th April

09:30 All Age Service, Elsenham Church

10:00 BCP Communion, Ugley Church

11:15 All Age Service, Henham Church

Sunday 16th April

08:45 BCP Morning Prayer,
Elsenham Church

10:00 BCP Communion, Ugley Church

10:15 Morning Service, EVH

11:15 Communion, Henham Church

18:00 Sunday@6, Henham Church

Sunday 23rd April

08:45 BCP Morning Prayer,
Elsenham Church

10:00 Morning Service, Ugley Church

10:15 Morning Service, EVH

11:15 Morning Service, Henham Church

18:00 Sunday@6, Henham Church

Sunday 30th April

08:45 BCP Holy Communion,
Elsenham Church

10:00 Morning Service, Ugley Church

10:15 Communion Service, EVH

11:15 Morning Service, Henham Church

18:00 Sunday@6, Henham Church

Other Regular Events

SUNDAYS:

St Peter's Junior Church

St Peter's, Ugley 10.00am

Sundays: 23rd & 30th

Elsenham Sunday Club/Explorers

(Y1-Y6) Old Frank's, Elsenham

10.15am Sundays: 23rd & 30th

Henham Sunday Club/Explorers

(Reception-Y5) Church Hall, Henham

11.00am Sundays: 23rd & 30th

Pathfinders (Y6-Y9)

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

Sundays: 23rd & 30th

Crammin' (Y10-Y13)

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

Henham Sundays: 23rd & 30th

MID-WEEK AND SATURDAY:

Start the Week with Prayer

Church Hall, Henham 9.30am

Mondays: 3rd, 17th & 24th

Seekers After School Bible Club

(Y3-Y4) Old Frank's 3.20pm

Mondays: 24th

Christian Play (Y1-Y2)

Rowan House, Elsenham 3.15pm

Tuesdays: 18th & 25th

Little Fishes Pre-School Group

Church Hall, Henham 10.15am

Thursdays: 20th & 27th

Little Fishes Pre-School Group

Elsenham Memorial Hall 10.00am

Fridays: 21st & 28th

Church Lunch Club

Elsenham Memorial Hall 12.30pm

Fridays: (2nd & 4th Friday of the month):
14th & 28th

Afternoon Tea

OSCA, Henham 2.00pm

Saturday: 15th

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NATURAL OUTLOOK

By Heather Salvidge ☎ 814153



As with cultivated plants, wildflowers of different species grow where the soils and moisture suits them. Round here we have large areas of various sands, some good grade II agricultural land and, at Newport, there are outcrops of chalk. Where the sand has been dug out it sometimes is close down to the underlying chalk.

In Suffolk, running south from Reach, alongside part of the July Course at Newmarket and on southwards towards Stetchworth, is the Devil's Dyke and Ditch. It is a high bank built out of the chalk by the Anglo Saxons, cut through by three earlier Roman roads and in places still up to ten metres high. It is a bank with a path along the top which finishes at Newmarket at one end and at the tree cover at the other. It was a protective bank which originally ended in a fen area to its north and in trees to the south. The fen has dried up somewhat but the tree area is still there at the Stetchworth end.

The bank is maintained by volunteers who keep the scrub and unwanted growth at bay. In April it is where the rare Pasque flowers bloom and I try to ensure that I visit to see them. They are called Pasque flowers because they come out around Easter, depending on the calendar and the climate. They are small flowers on short five or six inch stems, their mauve petals surround a centre of deep yellow stamens. They used to grow in similar habitats but these are long gone now that farming practices have changed. So Devil's Dyke is now a home to these and other chalk loving plants; one or two are very rare.

Following on from April other chalk lovers are; the dainty dark blue milkwort, the mainly prostrate, yellow horseshoe vetch and salad burnet which gets quite tall, has oval leaflets along the leaf stems and flower heads which have red florets on tall stems. Then there is bird's foot trefoil, also known as 'eggs and bacon', because the pea-like flowers are often orangey-red at base then yellow. In June the yellows continue with the delicate, low-growing rock rose and the **very** rare, tall lizard orchid, lucky if you see this one. As summer progresses some of the 'earlies' continue and wild thyme joins in. I will have to take a flower book, notebook and pen when I next go.

Nearer home, in the second of the two oldest sandpits by Henham Road, where the soil is sandy and also a bit chalky. Pyramidal orchids sometimes flower in the nearest corner of the back bank. These are mid to deepish pink with conical shaped flowers which get less so as they mature. Stems are ten to 18 inches tall and start flowering in June, usually. There is another stand of them on one of the roundabouts on the airport road en route to the M11, but please don't look if you are the driver!

Also in the second sand pit you could see bee orchids which flower at about the same time as the Pyramidals. They are smaller and more delicate and have flowers that resemble the abdomen of a bumble bee. These attract bees who think they are other bees, collect pollen and move on. More on this topic another time.

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Elsenham Community Speed Watch

By Frances Lambert ✉ franceslambert1964@mail.com



20's Plenty for Essex Campaign Update

It's your village.....What do you want.....Please let me know.

That's how I ended my Community Speed Watch article in the last magazine, and let me know you did. I was so pleased to receive dozens of emails, texts and phone calls all supporting the Essex 20's plenty for all the villages in Essex.

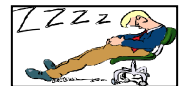
The Parish Council supported the idea at the March Parish Council meeting and they will let the campaign organisers know Elsenham supports the idea. That is the first step, now the campaign has to get Essex County Council to agree. The cost of changing all the signs will have to compete with many other projects, but we have taken the first step to slowing the traffic down in our village.

Until we get the speed limit reduced, and if you have a spare hour or two a month, you can still help by joining the Speedwatch group, full training is given, then you decide if and when you go out with other members.

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Ray's Reflections
Ray's Reflections

Ray
J. Lambert



As the nation prepares for King Charles' Coronation, my thoughts return to our late Queen Elizabeth's Coronation in 1953. Preparations are well advanced for the event and I am confident Elsenham will once more welcome in our new Monarch. Everything has changed greatly over those 75 years and I remember back then, when I was just 6 years old, my father had enjoyed over-time working at Stansted Airport. This allowed us to purchase one of the first TVs in Elsenham. His company, "SkyWays," also gave all their employees a Coronation Mint set of 1953 British coins in a special presentation box.

Dad brought relatives and friends to watch the proceedings in our front room. I reckon most of Stansted Road was packed in there. Mum fed all the children on crisps and lemonade. We had a party the day before at Elsenham Primary School, where we were all presented a book produced by Essex County Council on Royalty. It seemed a great and unforgettable day.

Sadly, as the days pass, the memories fade and many of those wonderful events of yesteryear are gone. I hope you all enjoy yourself on May 6 and are left with many happy recollections.

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The coronation of our King, Charles III, is coming up fast – Saturday 6 May in fact. We would like to hold our own celebrations to mark this historic event, but don't want to clash with the actual day. So we are going to have a Coronation Afternoon Tea on **Sunday, 23 April, 2.00 – 5.00pm** up at the church. Come along to toast the health of our King and Queen Consort with a glass of wine or a cup of tea. There will also be scones and cake to enhance the celebrations. And yes, we do have plans in the event of rain!

Further afield, we are also looking at arranging another art exhibition in the church. We have done this a few times before, where we offer a showcase to local artists, and have never failed to marvel at the extent of talent that we have in the village. If you wish to be involved, either as an exhibitor or a helper, please call Elizabeth Barker (☎ 813543) or me. We will be finalising the date shortly and will publicise the details in "Elsenham News".

Thanks for reading this, and all the best. I look forward to seeing you at our coronation tea party.

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NATS, the UK's main air navigation service provider, will take the lead in formulating flight paths for aircraft flying above 7,000ft, but at lower altitudes for landings and departures, airports like Stansted will drive the strategy. A full consultation is being prepared.

As the new Chair of the "**Stansted Airport Community Trust Fund**" Garry will be looking at new applications when the new fund starts this summer (a date yet to be agreed). For further information and to request an application form, email ✉ sandra_king@stanstedairport.com.

We have met the Essex Police Commander this month and addressed issues such as Hare Coursing, Airport Parking, 20mph speed limits, police presence and the Community Safety Partnership.

A reminder regarding the funding help with costs to celebrate the Coronation. The closing date for applications is **midday on 13 April 2023**.

Our last Surgery before the election is Thursday 20 April 2023 at Orwell House, Station Road, Elsenham at 17.30 hours. If I may – please do contact us regarding any information regarding the council or us, that you would like explained, or respond to any information you receive. Thank you.

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On 13th February, a lovely day with warm Spring sunshine and a clear blue sky, the Garden Group made the first of their planned visits for 2023 by visiting Grove Lodge, Saffron Walden. The owner, Chris Shennan, greeted them at the gate and introduced them to his half-acre, semi-woodland garden where hellebores, aconites, snowdrops, crocus and winter-flowering shrubs have been allowed free rein to create a beautiful, natural scene, high in biodiversity yet so close to the town centre.



In addition to the spring bulbs there was plenty more to see with two ponds, topiary, an orchard as well as a fruit and vegetable garden. They arrived the day after the garden opened under the National Garden Scheme and so delicious cake and cups of tea and coffee were available following the tour. It was a very enjoyable visit and a great start to the year.

The February Saturday Seminar was an immense success with around 80 people listening to David Morson speaking about the conflict between Ukraine and Russia. They were taken back to the 9th century to discover the founding of Kievan Rus by Swedish Varangians, the forerunner of modern-day Ukraine. They learnt about the frequently moving borders of the area and the famines imposed on Ukraine by Stalin, bringing them up to the fall of the USSR in the 90s. Russia signed a treaty guaranteeing the borders of the countries formed out of that collapse. They were left with a much clearer idea of the history leading to this terrible war, helping them to see through current Russian propaganda.

Our second Seminar for this year is on April 29. Please see the Events page of our website for details of this and future Seminars in 2023.

The speaker at our monthly General Meeting on April 20 will be Lindsay Whitehouse, who has been the Governor of several prisons including Chelmsford. He was also the first Deputy Police and Crime Commissioner for Essex and has written particularly for professionals involved in the youth justice system. His talk is called "My Life in Prison."

Village Good Friday

"Is Good Friday GOOD?" Come along to our very short service in the Memorial Gardens (around the War Memorial) on Good Friday, 7 April, when we will be asking that question. As usual this is timed for 1:30 – 2pm to avoid a clash with the Village Walk at 2:15 from The Crown, so why not exercise your mind as well as your body by doing both?

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As the weather warms, we look forward to an abundance of flowers offering food for bees, hoverflies and butterflies. A report by the Essex Wildlife Trust indicates that such sightings may be much reduced. During 2022, members of the Trust participated in the UK citizen science Bugs Matter Survey, recording 'bug splats' on vehicle number plates to monitor flying insect abundance. The numbers of insects recorded on 277 journeys across Essex suggested that insect numbers have declined by 60% since 2004.

This is a worrying trend as it has implications for the survival of many other organisms. The majority of plants rely on insect pollinators to set seed including wild and garden flowers and three quarters of our food crops. Many song-birds feed on insects, and seed eaters such as skylarks and house sparrows nourish their young on insects.

The reasons for this decline are complex, but as most arable crops are grown without any weeds this reduces the variety of food supplies for caterpillars, aphids and bugs. Fewer flowers mean less food for bees, adult butterflies and moths.

Fortunately, many insect species are resilient, and we can help with the survival of some. I encourage you to plant up your gardens with native hedgerow shrubs, a tree or two and install a bug hotel as these provide many habitats where insects can over-winter. Accepting flowery lawns and planting a wide selection of flowers is not only attractive to us but provides nourishment for an abundance of insects too.

There are many helpful guides to creating a wildlife garden; the RHS website is helpful as is *Gardening for Wildlife* by Adrian Thomas published by Bloomsbury in 2017.

To get involved with the survey see <https://www.buglife.org.uk>
Visiting local gardens for helpful tips is fun too - see the What's On page of www.hundredparishes.org.uk.

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ELSENHAM BOWLS AND SOCIAL CLUB

By Sue Waite ☎ 07956 899326



Spring is here and the bowls club is in readiness to officially open the green for the new season. The Green opens on the 21 April at 6.00pm. Come along and see Trevor Hackett bowl the first wood of the season and declare the green open. Then it will be time for a roll up for any bowling member to enjoy – conversation will flow as to how the green is bowling which very much depends on the weather. Afterwards, its time for a drink in the bar – a very sociable occasion.

Our first game is on the 22nd of April, an internal game, the 2 wood event, at 10.30 a.m. with refreshments afterwards.

The full list of fixtures for 2023 is on the bowls club website. We are always looking for new members of all ages. It's a fun game, not too strenuous and as competitive as you want to be.

STANSTED HALL & ELSENHAM CRICKET CLUB

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



The 2023 season will begin with a work party on Sunday April 2 at 10.30am. Members and non members are welcome to our Stansted House ground. Indoor nets continue for both seniors and juniors but will end in the near future.

The senior team has gained a couple of new members and local fixtures have been arranged for both Saturday (League) and Sundays (Friendlies).

Junior fixtures are being arranged in the West Essex League. We will be playing at the following age groups; U9 Soft Ball festivals, U10 Soft Ball Terrier, U11 League, U12 Cup, U13 League, U14 Cup, U15 League and U16 Cup. All Stars Cricket from 5 years to 8 years old all age groups are covered. Boys and Girls are very welcome our six qualified coaches will be waiting for you. Enjoyment is the club's priority. Younger age groups on a Friday evening and older Wednesday evening. If you are interested in joining please go to our website or contact me.

It will be a big summer for cricket this summer as the Australians will be over playing for The Ashes. With England's cricketers doing really well under the leadership of Ben Stokes we may well regain the minute trophy.

Come on boys and girls give cricket a go – I feel that you may well enjoy it. Parents and grandparents– what a way to start the weekend – a cool drink watching the children enjoying themselves

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ELSENHAM TENNIS CLUB

By Petra Studholme 📞 814667



New Season is starting 1 April – and our membership fees remain UNCHANGED!

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Now is a great time to join the tennis club. With lots of interesting regular club sessions, competitive inter-club play, individual and group coaching, lots on offer for everyone. We also have floodlights which allows play throughout the evenings, summer and winter.

Weekly schedule (some of them are also open to non-members) - see below

Village Fete – 17 June

We will be opening our courts for the public to play during the Fete. Several of our members will be at hand to talk to about the club. Rackets and balls will be provided but we must insist that appropriate, non-marking footwear is worn and that children under the age of 12 must be supervised by an adult.

Match reports

Jon's men's doubles:

We beat Standon and Puckeridge 12-4. There were some great rallies and tennis played with a great win against a good Standon side. The pairs, Jon and Steve, Lewis and Henry, with it being Henry's first ever league game and playing well together. Jon and Steve also put on a good performance only dropping 5 games over the 4 sets.

Dunmow away - A great 14-2 win away to Dunmow. Pairs being Jon and Tom and Stuart and Lewis. Some good tennis and points played on a cold evening. Two successive wins will help to put us towards the top of our league table.

Petra's mixed doubles:

Unfortunately, both scheduled matches were postponed.

Coaching – individual and group sessions

We have individual and group coaching sessions, cardio run by our dedicated and experienced coach Steve. Get in touch with him via email: stevesmith865@hotmail.com or call/text 07790 561 817. Please note that Cardio is open to non-members. Cardio is a great way to get or stay fit. Our coaches choice of music is sometimes questionable but everyone is definitely having fun.

Hire our courts – open to non-members

Hire our courts to play with friends and family - £3 per adult, 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.

Weekly Activities

Tuesday evening – 6.30pm cardio tennis
Tuesday evening – 7.30pm club night
Wednesday morning – 10am causal play
Thursday evening – 6.30pm group coaching (rusty racket)

Thursday evening – 7.30pm cardio tennis
Friday morning – 10am casual play
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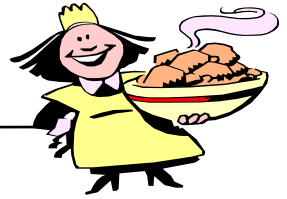
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COOKERY CORNER

By Sue Johnson ☎ 812704



Once you have all the ingredients ready and prepared, this delicious supper dish takes only a few minutes to cook. This is one of my all-time favourites.

SINGAPORE STIR-FRIED NOODLES (serves 2)

- 1 tablespoon sunflower oil
- 1 pack mushroom vegetable stir-fry
- 2oz (50g) smoked streaky bacon rashers, cut into thin strips
- 2oz (50g) cooked chicken or pork, sliced into thin strips
- 150g pack cooked peeled prawns
- 1 large garlic clove, finely chopped
- 1 tablespoon fresh root ginger, grated or finely chopped
- 1 tablespoon hot curry powder
- 1 fresh red chilli, deseeded and finely sliced
- 1 celery stick, finely chopped
- 1 tablespoon soy sauce
- 1 tablespoon sherry
- 4½ fl oz (125ml) hot chicken stock
- Two nests rice (or egg) noodles
- 3 spring onions, finely sliced to serve
- 1 tablespoon chopped coriander, to serve (optional)

Cook the noodles according to instructions on packet. Drain.

Put the oil in a large frying pan, casserole dish or wok. Using high heat, add the bacon and fry until lightly browned. Add the mushroom stir-fry, along with the chicken or pork and fry, stirring continuously until lightly browned. Add the prawns, garlic, ginger, curry powder and chilli. Stir-fry for one minute.

Turn the heat down to medium and add the celery, soy sauce, sherry and hot stock. Bring the liquid ingredients to a simmer for 30 seconds, to make sure the celery is hot.

Add the drained noodles and toss all the ingredients until thoroughly mixed and the noodles are heated through. Serve sprinkled with spring onions and coriander, if using. Serve immediately.

CHEF'S RECOMMENDATIONS: This recipe can be easily doubled for a larger family meal. Any leftovers make a super lunch dish heated up next day. Adding the chilli seeds makes for a "hotter" flavour. Dried chilli can be used if you have no fresh.

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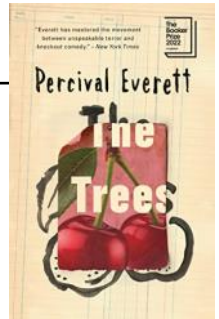
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We really look forward to hearing from you.



'The Trees is a page-turner that opens with a series of brutal murders in the rural town of Money, Mississippi. When a pair of detectives from the Mississippi Bureau of Investigation arrive, they meet expected resistance from the local sheriff, his deputy, the coroner, and a string of racist white townsfolk. The murders present a puzzle, for at each crime scene there is a second dead body: that of a man who resembles Emmett Till, a young black boy lynched in the same town 65 years before. The detectives suspect these are killings of retribution, but soon discover that eerily similar murders are taking place all over the country. Something truly strange is afoot. As the bodies pile up, the MBI detectives seek answers from a local root doctor who has been documenting every lynching in the country for years, uncovering a history that refuses to be buried.'

In this bold, provocative book, Everett takes direct aim at racism and police violence, and does so in a fast-paced style that ensures the reader can't look away. The Trees is an enormously powerful novel of lasting importance...' So says the blurb on the back of the book.

'Everett has mastered the movement between unspeakable terror and knock out comedy.' *The New York Times*

The Trees was this month's choice for the book group liked by all.

This book, shortlisted for the 2022 Booker Prize, is very hard to categorise. Words that I have seen used to describe this book in social media: uproarious; broad social commentary, satire; farce, gothic horror; surreal; supernatural.

It begins as a kind of police procedural, at times very funny - the banter between the detectives from the MBI, amusing character names, eg Herbie Hind, some of the set pieces and characters - half-witted white folks, including a former orange-faced President. However, it turns out to be not so much a police procedural as an acknowledgement to terrible crimes. Above all, it is book about racism in America and specifically about the country's shameful history of lynchings along with elements of horror and hints about the supernatural. It is a lot to be in one book. There is a powerful explanation integral to the killings but I cannot say more without giving too much away. :-) However, some in the book group found this was a little too subtle and would have liked that to have been more obvious.

The structure of the book means there are many short chapters, some as short as one page so it is literally an easy book to read. However, the subject matter is not despite clever language and sardonic wit. The telling of events is blatant and overly casual leaving one a little uncomfortable. The 'crimes' cannot be resolved only recognised. My view is that was what the author intended. Racism may now take a different path but we understand nothing very much has changed.

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