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Please note that following government advice regarding Covid-19, all regular activities that would normally take place in the Memorial Hall or the Village Hall have been cancelled until further notice.

The following groups or activities are suspended until further notice:

Beavers	Brownies
Community Choir	Cubs
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Line Dance	Rainbows
Shape to the Beat	Tots & Toddlers
Yoga	Zumba
Village Café, tea, coffee and lunch	

Some groups are meeting online or in a limited way

Church services, Little Fishes and special events (please see page 33)
Elsenham Tennis Club activities (please see page 55)
Elsenham & Stansted Hall Cricket Club training & fixtures (see website)
Kick Boxing (on Playing Field)
WI (online, please see page 51)

Parish Council meetings are being held by Zoom. The next meeting is on **Monday 7 December**. Contact Louise Johnson for information by email on [✉ louise.epc@gmail.com](mailto:louise.epc@gmail.com)



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THE NEWS REPORT

From The Editors



This strange year, which has dragged on and been devoid of so many of the pleasures and diversions we enjoy across the seasons, is finally coming to a close and this is our last edition for 2020.

To mark that, we're delighted to include in this mag our first ever local Christmas Gift Guide! Over thirty small, local businesses offering gifts ranging from jewellery and pampering services, to personalised artworks, candles and books are included. We hope you will support them and if you do please let them know you found them in *Elsenham News*. Turn to the centre pages to find the Gift Guide.

You can also find seasonal advertisers for turkeys and Christmas trees on p4. We welcome to the village (well, very close to it) Clifford's Farm Shop, see p37, which also stocks seasonal goodies. And of course, you can buy your Christmas stamps and post your parcels to the friends and family that you can't visit in person at the Post Office (take a moment to enjoy their unique Christmas tree!).

Despite everything there are still seasonal activities for you to enjoy in the village from an impromptu visit from Santa on 20 December p7, to church services, to the re-imagined Christmas Tree Festival, see p7.

One of the striking features of the year has been the overwhelming number of acts of kindness we have all experienced. None more so than the huge support from the village for Uttlesford Food Bank in a drive spear-headed by Petrina Lees and Margaret Shaw (thank you, ladies). This month you're invited to participate in a Reverse Advent Calendar, see p39 for details of how to participate.

Finally, we'd like to acknowledge everyone who is part of the magazine team – the contributors, the deliverers and the advertisers – there are way too many people to mention individually but without them there is no magazine. A very sincere thank you to you all.

The next edition of the magazine will be in February and deadline for booking adverts or submitting articles is 12 January.

We wish you all a merry Christmas and we hope for a happier and healthier New Year for us all.

Stay safe!

The Editors

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A message from Clifford's,

Here at Clifford's, we would like to thank everyone for our wonderful warm welcome into your community. We opened as planned on 31 October, to offer a wide range of general grocery, green grocery, giftware and always a little something extra.

On 11 November, on time, as promised, we opened the Pig Sty Tea Room, although only for takeaways, with the fantastic skills of G in the kitchen, Campervan Coffee, Hope & Glory Teas, and freshly made cakes from Tracey at Florence Cakes.

Clifford's has evolved from Herts Essential Deliveries, which we started totally by mistake in March, offering an essential grocery delivery service when the main supermarkets were unable to deliver. Now, Clifford's offers over close to 4,000 products, and still offers a next day delivery service, as well as a click and collect button on the website.

As well as the groceries, we have a great selection of gifts, from Doodles toys & Pomme Pideu money boxes to fossils and marble gifts from Earth, Fossils & Gemstones. Also, an amazing range of handmade glass decorations from Toby, #tobysglass who is now 15, and makes all the glassware at home in his shed/workshop and Tina's handmade crochet greetings cards.

We are also stocking Terri's Posh Presents, in support of St Mary's Church in Elsenham.

We have enjoyed meeting you all and look forward to working and supporting the community. Please see our full page advert on page 37.

Best regards,

Tina and Rob

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The Christmas Tree Festival has also moved out the church, due to Covid-19 restrictions. We hope that you will join in with the festive spirit and display a decorated tree outside your house (any sort of tree or plant, any sort of decorations) for the weekend of 5-6 December. It would be lovely to have a great display of Christmas spirit throughout the village. Thank you for your participation.



Happy Christmas! Stay safe all of you.



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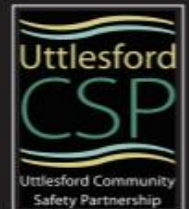


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Hospice to host heartfelt ‘Light up a Life’ memorial services this December

St Clare Hospice will host ‘Light up a Life’ memorial services this December; giving families the opportunity to celebrate the lives of lost loved ones. The charity is closely monitoring Government guidelines and following regulations on hosting Covid-secure, outdoor services.

The festive season can be an emotional occasion, for spending precious moments with friends and family, and remembering those who are no longer with us. Their absence can be deeply felt, whether their death was recent, or if many years have passed.

This year, due to the Covid-19 outbreak, St Clare’s Light up a Life services will put additional safety measures in place, including separate, ticketed events outside in the Hospice grounds, recorded music and a limited attendance. These are operating on a first-come first-served basis and can be booked on the St Clare website.

Visit stclarehospice.org.uk/light-up-a-life for details and booking.

The services are free to attend and each event is open to everyone, whatever their faith – and are not only for the many families St Clare has helped, but all local people. The five services taking place at St Clare Hospice, Hastingwood, are:

- Tuesday 15 December – St Clare Hospice at 6:30pm
- Wednesday 16 December – St Clare Hospice at 6:30pm
- Thursday 17 December – St Clare Hospice at 6:30pm
- Saturday 19 December – St Clare Hospice at 4:30pm
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St Clare Hospice is a charity providing specialist palliative care for people living with terminal or life-limiting illnesses across West Essex and East Herts border. We care for patients and their families, providing physical, emotional, social, psychological and spiritual support, and ensuring they have timely access to skilled, compassionate and sensitive care in a place of their choice. Our services are free of charge to those who need our care, but cost over £4.6 million a year to run. With limited NHS funding we need to fundraise the majority of this each year through donations and other voluntary sources.

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DISTRICT COUNCILLORS' REPORT

DECEMBER 2020

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At the time of writing we are still in lockdown. We, like you, are hopeful that the circuit breaker has done its job. Most services within the council are continuing to operate with the majority of staff working remotely.

The Environmental Health Team continues to be busy advising businesses and providing clarity. The Economic Development Team is working closely with business networks and individual businesses offering information, advice and guidance, support, and referrals to specialist agencies.

We have a big business support project soon to be launching online with an e-commerce facility, with set up fees being funded by the council. We hope that businesses will take up this offer so that they can sell online to local people. A local 'Amazon' to encourage residents to shop locally online. We hope that people will support the local economy this way by shopping locally online.

We are also addressing an Economic Recovery Package to help those who have been affected by the pandemic, job-wise and economically.

The New Local Plan Consultations have commenced, I am afraid information is only available online at the moment. Visit www.uttlesford.gov.uk/new-local-plan.

Have your say on Community Involvement with the Local Plan. One survey ends on Wednesday 9 December. The Community Stakeholder Forum has been established to complement and enhance the consultation process by providing a platform for discussion amongst the community. During the first consultation local representatives from a range of backgrounds will liaise with others and bring different perspectives to a discussion around each of the themes.

The forum's meetings will take place every two weeks and they will be live streamed for anyone to watch and recordings will be uploaded to our YouTube channel so people can catch up afterwards.

We would like to thank all of you who logged into the Fairfield Appeal, support in numbers is helpful and we await the inspector's report.

Our Ward Members Initiative Grant of £2,000 will be spent for the direct community benefit of the members' ward. Please do contact us if we can help.

We would like to wish you all a Merry Christmas, and a safe and healthy New Year.

We are available on email, telephone or Zoom as surgeries are still suspended.



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ELSENHAM PARISH COUNCIL 2 NOVEMBER 2020

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



The Parish Council's Planning Committee has arranged to hold a meeting with Gladman Developers. This application is for 220 new houses on land North of Bedwell Road. Although this application is technically in Ugley and Henham parishes, it will have a big impact on Elsenham village. The meeting will be held via Zoom on 9 December 2020 at 7.30pm, further details can be found on p17.

Another planning application is to be submitted for a further 50 new houses on the south of Bedwell Road.

The Fairfield appeal is to start on 9 November 2020, via Microsoft Teams. The Parish Council's Chairman, will be attending and has registered to speak. The appeal for 99 houses on land west of Isabel Drive starts on 24 November 2020 and is due to last five days. UDC are opposing both these appeals.

North Hall Road is still closed due to major work on the verges, it will remain closed until February 2021.

Essex County Cllr Gooding and a Highways Officer walked along the path from Elsenham to Stansted. This path is very narrow in places and requires attention. As it is now the end of the growing season the work has been scheduled for the new year, when it will have the most impact.

The Playing Field Committee is continuing to research different ways to fund an outdoor gym, which has been proposed for the playing field.

The annual maintenance work in the Spinney is due - unfortunately many trees will have to be felled this year due to the disease ash dieback.

The Flowerbed Committee thanked the volunteers who helped with the winter planting, Sue and Chris Waite, Allan and Gill Hathaway, Bill and Sandra Smith and Gloria Eatson. The committee are looking into the idea of planning more perennial plants over the next few years, starting with the two flowerbeds by Leigh Drive.

Members of the Parish Council held a site meeting with Crest Nicholson, regarding taking over the ownership of the allotments on Elsenham Vale. The Parish Council is very keen to take over these allotments, however, there are still some outstanding issues that Crest Nicholson needs to address. It was agreed that once these were completed the transfer could proceed.

The next Parish Council meeting will be 7 December 2020, 8pm via Zoom (see p2).

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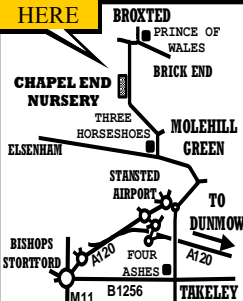
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By Linda Reid, Headteacher



Earlier this month the children in school enthusiastically took to wearing blue in support of Diabetes Awareness Month. This was an opportunity for us to support a medical charity, which, like so many others, has seen a significant drop in funding. Type 1 diabetes is a lifelong condition, which affects a small number of children in school and we were keen to do what we could to help. It was very different to see so much blue in school rather than the usual green!

Our next non-uniform day is planned for Friday 11 December. Children are invited to wear a Christmas jumper (or a brightly coloured jumper) in aid of Save the Children. We hope that by holding some special events, and days such as these, we can continue to provide some exciting times for the children.



In school, as in all areas of life, the second national lockdown has inevitably resulted in some changes to the way we are able to work in school. For families with children due to start school in September 2021, this is particularly challenging. We understand that choosing a school for your children is a hugely important decision for every family. However, we have reluctantly had to put a temporary stop on visits into school in line with the guidance and advice from the Department of Education and the local authority, who have strongly advised against any visits at this time. In making this decision our aim is to keep our school open and protect the safety and wellbeing of

our current children and staff. With one local school already having to close its doors for a two week period, we are very keen not to follow suit. This would have a very significant impact on everyone.

We are scheduling additional visits from 2 December onwards, to ensure that everyone has the opportunity to view our provision before the admissions application process closes on 16 January 2021. Our school office staff will be happy to arrange this for you and I look forward to welcoming you. In the meantime, please see our school website, which hosts a virtual tour of the school, produced by Tony Nottage, parent of a former pupil. We are extremely grateful to him for working with us on this.

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In staffing news this month, I am delighted to let you know that Mrs Gunn and her husband are now the proud parents of a second baby boy, Reggie. Both mum and baby are doing well.

We also said goodbye to Claire Kersey, a valued member of our support staff team, who has relocated to Scotland with her family after ten years in her post and to Junko King, who has been a part of our catering staff team for the past five years. We will miss them both and wish them well in their new roles.

I am delighted to let you know that we have recently welcomed Mrs Pink, Mrs Gomez and Mrs Rowell to our classroom support staff team. Mrs Harvey has also been appointed as a replacement for Mrs King and we look forward to welcoming her to our growing staff team very soon.

Keep safe.

ELSENHAM & UGLEY PARISH COUNCILS JOINT MEETING

Elsenham and Ugley Parish Councils are holding a joint meeting with the developer Gladman.

All members of the public are welcome. Please join us, this is an opportunity to have your say. The meeting is to be held on Wednesday 9 December 2020 at 7.30pm via Zoom.

Meeting ID: 812 8159 6933 Passcode: 856717

Gladman has submitted plans for up to 220 dwellings on land north of Bedwell Road. This development will have an impact on Elsenham, with extra traffic and commuters, plus the demands on the doctors' surgery, the primary school and shops.

If you are new to Zoom and require some help to get started, please phone Moyra ☎ 647351 who would be happy to help.

SANTA

Sadly, another victim of this terribly disappointing year, we have to announce that there will be no Santa event in Elsenham on 5 December.

We have heard that, although Santa is very keen to attend, he doesn't want to break the rule of six with Dasher, Dancer, Prancer, Vixen, Donner and Blitzen. As for Rudolf, with that red nose, he should be isolating and taking a test.

We apologise to Santa, also all our loyal stallholders and helpers. We hope that all will be back to normal in time for next year's visit.

Take care everyone and have a peaceful and restful Christmas.
Sue Johnson and the Elsenham Santa Team



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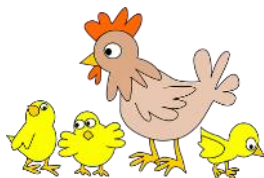
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Once again, we find ourselves in lockdown and we know, like last time, the animals will miss you immensely. Please do keep an eye on our Facebook page and as soon as we are allowed to invite you back, it will be on there. We would all love to see you and your families (and that includes our animals too) as soon as possible.

This year our finances have been devastated as we have spent so much time closed and we have also had to postpone our Sleigh Ride to Santa weekend. So if you are able to help us in any way, please once again check out our website for details on how to do so. Thank you so much.

We wouldn't still be here at all if it wasn't for the support from our wonderful visitors and the help from all our amazing volunteers, so a huge THANK YOU to each and every one of you.

We really hope that you have the most marvellous Christmas and that the New Year brings you all that you wish for and once again, thanks so much for your support.

Our very best seasonal wishes to you all.

CHRISTMAS CRACKER HUMOUR

- * What do you get if you cross Santa with a duck? *A Christmas Quacker!*
- * What goes "Oh, Oh, Oh"? *Santa walking backwards!*
- * Why is it getting harder to buy Advent calendars? *Their days are numbered!*
- * Why did John Lennon ask people not to eat sprouts on Christmas Day? *He wants to give peas a chance!*
- * What's a dog's favourite carol? *Bark, the herald angels sing!*
- * What did the snowflake say to the fallen leaf? *You are so last season!*
- * Why is Greta Thunberg boycotting parsnips and carrots at Christmas? *Because she's a swede dish campaigner!*



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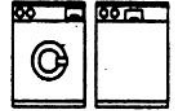

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DEVELOPMENT DEVELOPMENTS

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



The planning appeal inquiry against refusal of up to 350 homes between Elsenham and Henham is under way as I write, and still has several days of the scheduled eight to run. It is being held remotely via Microsoft Teams, which means technical hiccups because nobody has used it much before.

One of the safe rules with these virtual events is that you never start on time, and so it was on the first morning when the YouTube link didn't link. One participant had problems with his connection and the comic situation was reached whereby first his lips were moving but he couldn't be heard, and then he was audible but his lips were still. One perhaps not-over-bright spark suggested everyone else should turn their cameras off. I'm no techie, but it seemed an unlikely solution.

It's impossible to say how it is going. So far, landscape and transport issues have been discussed. Grove Hill has been done up hill and down, with Fairfield saying they've done all the models and claiming that Essex Highways say it will be OK, and the locals saying, yes but it's not OK, and here are lots of people to say so. And Fairfield say, well, if lorries of excess weight go up the hill that's a police matter and so it can be ignored, and we say, yes, but they do go up the hill, and it's one of the reasons for congestion, so it should be taken into account.

A major surprise is that Fairfield say that each of their new homes would have just one parking space, in the belief that it will force more people to use public transport. It's worked in Cambridge, so why not Elsenham? The bus service would be improved to one every half hour, with new bus stops near to their access, which is implausibly situated on the inside of the bend past the cricket field.

Elsewhere in *Elsenham News* [p17] you'll find details of a Zoom meeting with Gladman Developments to be held on 9 December concerning their proposal to build 220 houses to the north of Bedwell Road, next to the motorway and stretching as far as the railway. There are those who say you should never talk to developers. But there is no real chance of giving your hand away, since they know what is in it anyway; and it can be useful to know how they're thinking. They claim they have something to offer us, so we can see if it means anything.

Next year could be important for planning issues, like all the recent previous ones. We'll find the answers to three large local applications, Uttlesford should make progress with their Local Plan, and it will be clear as to whether the Government is going to rip up the whole system and start again. The best thing is to think about something else - I hope you get plenty of opportunity, lockdown or not, particularly if it's your first year in the village. Yes, we try to oppose more housing, but those who are here are very welcome. I've said it before; I'll probably say it again.

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NATURAL OUTLOOK ON WINTER WORK

By Heather Salvidge ☎ 814153



EROWOS (Elsenham Rights of Way and Open Spaces) is a committee of the Parish Council made up of parish councillors and volunteers that has a variety of responsibilities for some patches of village land, and Rights of Way, though not the playing field. We do plan the winter season work for some trees and hedges, as much land and tree management is done at this time each side of Christmas. Grass and many plants have stopped growing but it is a good time to plant many seeds. The bird nesting season finished at the end of August, leaves are off the deciduous trees and the sap has stopped rising .Of course if emergencies arise they are dealt with then.

This year, work started in October on Oziers Green when the hedge at the top end was cut hard back as it had grown too tall and was blocking much daylight from the nearest house. In the future it will be allowed to grow back up a bit and be regularly trimmed. Further down the green, the old willow that had split into a multi-stem was coppiced back to ground level but, being a willow, we expect it to grow back up.

Nearer Station Road the new fruit trees will be checked and the 'feathering' on the two old pears will be lifted when the leaves are off as they serve little purpose and can make grass cutting awkward. Bad news though about the old oak tree which is such an important feature in the landscape that it has a Tree Protection Order on it. It has been diagnosed with the dreaded honey fungus, a disease that rots all the roots and for which there is no cure. But we are to monitor it for signs of deterioration so there is a little while yet to enjoy it before it is felled. I shall check to see whether the lower growth should be cleared or left.

In the Spinney we are concerned about some, but not all, of the mature ash trees which appear to be subject to ash dieback disease. We will get contractors in to fell some of those in the top west and north planted sections as these trees are all close to rights of way and therefore could be a hazard to the public. We will continue to monitor their health and hope some of the others survive.

Any work needed to the cherry trees on the Spinney and the hedges plus other trees around the village will be done by a trusty band of volunteers.

On the plus side the wildflower area in the Spinney has not only had its late summer cut to scatter seeds from the existing plants but we have planted yellow rattle seeds to suppress grass growth. We have also planted a variety of other wildflower seeds.

EROWOS has recently been given responsibility for 'the triangle' on the playing field, the small fenced area at the top of the children's playground. We have just started and have cut the grass, weeded, cleared the rubbish and put down some yellow rattle and a few wildflower seeds.



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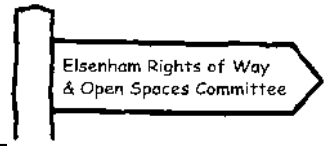
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ELSENHAM'S TRADITIONAL BOXING DAY WALK

By Margaret Shaw

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Sadly, due to COVID restrictions we will be unable to have an organised Boxing Day Walk this year. However, there is nothing to stop family groups going for a walk in their permitted bubble.



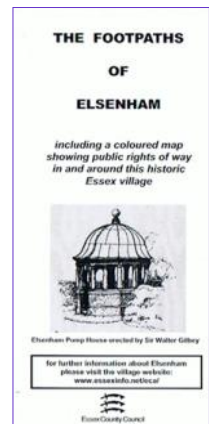
A challenge:

There are ten walks around Elsenham on the EROWOS website : <https://e-voice.org.uk/erowos/village-walks/>. These have been available for some time and things may have changed so we would like to ask you to check them for us. Please download a walk and then follow the instructions to see if they are still valid. Then send us any comments/updates so we can keep the website accurate.

Thank you on behalf of the EROWOS committee

We also still have some copies of the map of the **Footpaths of Elsenham** left. If you would like a copy please email us with your postal address and we can deliver a copy to you.

- A printable version of this leaflet is also available : www.essexinfo.net/erowos/.



Do you know anyone in need at Christmas?

We all know Christmas can be rather overwhelming, particularly if life isn't going well.

There are two local charities that donate to those in need at Christmas. Both started many years ago, one began with blanket donations. Any Elsenham resident is eligible to receive some help. If you are in need this Christmas, or know anyone who may be, please contact me at petrinalees@hotmail.com or phone on ☎ 816675 Your call/email be treated in the strictest confidence.

Petrina Lees



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ELSENHAM FLOWER SHOW SOCIETY

Sue Johnson ☎ 812704



ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

Elsenham Flower Show Society's AGM will be a bit different next year. It will be held via Zoom, the date being **Friday 15 January 2021** at 8pm. If you would like to attend, please either contact me by telephone or e-mail on susanjohnson09@hotmail.co.uk and we will send you the link. Apologies - you will need to provide your own cheese and wine!

We were devastated at having to cancel not only the Flower Show this year, but also of course the Open Gardens event. However, we have already put dates in the diary for 2021, ever hoping that by the time the summer arrives, we will be back to near-normal and our planned events can happen again. Schedules are:

- Annual Plant Sale - Saturday 22 May.
- Open Gardens - Sunday 27 June.
- Flower Show - Saturday 21 August. The schedule for 2021 (a repeat of what we had planned for this year) will appear in the March *Elsenham News*.

Put these dates in your new diary NOW! Don't forget, this is our village and our FLOWER SHOW SOCIETY - help us to make 2021 really, really special.



Seasons Greetings to you all.

GARDEN HINT *By Sue Johnson*

Wise words to think about this Christmas time

"Gardening teaches patience and resilience, which help us cope with life's ups and downs. By observing the circle of life – some plants succeed, others we have to let go – we accept that things cannot always come up roses for us. Apply your gardening skills to life, be loving and nurturing with yourself and, like your garden, you will blossom and grow."



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As we all know Christmas will be different this year and I'm sure you've been giving a lot of thought to how you will celebrate at a distance with those you'd usually be in the same room with and how best to include those

relatives and friends living on their own who may feel even more isolated than normal because it is the festive season. All of this has been forced on us by the invasion of Covid-19 and we'll just have to carry on doing the best we can. I and the members of the three churches have been planning some services via Zoom and YouTube to make up for the loss of all the usual services we offer at Christmas.

Things will be very different in the New Year for my churches as my last Sunday will be 27 December and Revd Gary Tubbs will be leaving early in the New Year too.

I want to take this opportunity to say what a delight it has been for me, my wife and daughters to live and work here over the last ten and a half years. We have made many friends and learnt a lot and remain enormously grateful for the welcome we received and all the kindness and support from people across the parishes of Henham, Elsenham and Ugley. We shall miss these villages and so many of the people whom we count it a privilege to have known, worked with and served.

So, big changes ahead for everyone as we approach Christmas 2020 and the New Year and as we continue to live with difficulties and face yet more change, the great message of Christmas

stands firm: God is with us – for us and on our side - because Jesus Christ was born to save us from our sins:

'You are to give him the name Jesus, because he will save His people from their sins.' Matthew 1:21

'The virgin will be with child and will give birth to a son, and they will call him Immanuel - which means 'God is with us.' Matthew 1:23

Wishing you all God's peace and joy this Christmas and on into the New Year.

Rev. Gary Townsend

Additional events for Christmas: Christingle with a difference!

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Romans C15:v13

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Elsenham Sunday Club/Explorers

(Y1-Y6) We continue to run the magazine programme each week. This includes a story, teaching sheet, family prayers, quizzes and crafts. Contact the administrator to receive the magazine.

Henham Sunday Club (age 5 - Y3)

ends 13/12 Looking at the Christmas Story. We continue to send an audio file, a picture story and activities to parents by email. Returns Sunday 13th Jan 2021, looking at stories Jesus told.

Henham Explorers (Y4-Y6)

Not currently running. Contact the administrator to take part in and receive the magazine.

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Elsenham Little Fishes pre-school

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Pathfinders (Y7-9) – Sundays, 6pm

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QUIZ TIME—2020

By Marion Giles



So, it's that time of year again and the Yul wheel has turned full circle. To get you into the festive mood, here is a fun family quiz. There are no prizes, just the fun of completing it. Answers will be printed in the next magazine in February 2021.

Good luck,

“Anyone who believes that men are the equal of women has never seen a man trying to wrap a Christmas present!”

General Christmas trivia

1. *The Snowman* was shown on TV for the first time on Boxing Day of which year?
2. How old is Kevin McCallister in *Home Alone*?
3. According to 1946's Christmas classic *It's a Wonderful Life*, what happens every time a bell rings?
4. Which March sister opens LM Alcott's *Little Women* by grumbling "Christmas won't be Christmas without any presents?"
5. In what classic novel does the protagonist set sail for a sea voyage on a cold Christmas day?
6. In which children's classic is it 'always winter but never Christmas'?
7. Which Christmas hit originally released in 1984 has been no.1 in the UK charts three times?
8. Mariah Carey's iconic Christmas hit *All I Want for Christmas* officially signals the start of the festive period - but what year was it first released?
9. What's the name of the giant snow monster that guards Elsa's palace in *Frozen*?
10. What does Harry Potter receive from Professor Dumbledore during his first Christmas at Hogwarts?
11. What Christmas beverage is also known as 'milk punch'?
12. What traditional Christmas decoration is actually a parasitic plant?
13. What well-known Christmas carol became the first song ever broadcast from space in 1965?
14. Who invented the Christmas cracker?
15. Which US states have towns actually named Santa Claus?

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NEIGHBOURHOOD WATCH

By Frances Lambert franceslambertnhw@btinternet.com



Christmas is coming and so will the burglars if we don't take extra care. When you go shopping make sure you follow the guidelines to stay safe. Make sure your purse or wallet is safely tucked away and not on view in your shopping basket. Your phone sticking out of your back pocket can easily be taken so keep it out of sight. When you put your parcels into your car, make sure again they are in the boot and out of sight.

The boxes you leave beside the dustbin can tell a thief what you have just bought so when you flatten cardboard boxes also turn them inside out so it does not advertise you have just bought a new TV for Christmas.

If you know your neighbour is away and they have asked you to keep an eye on their house, and you see or hear noises coming from the property call the police. If you are going to be out remember our advice last month and leave a light on in a couple of rooms and the radio on to give the illusion there is someone at home.

As the nights get darker earlier take care on darker streets and carry a torch to light up the pavement and show trip hazards. Stay safe and have an enjoyable and peaceful Christmas.

If you would also like to receive the Neighbourhood Watch Police reports on crimes in our area plus social media updates please send your email address to me and I will add you to the village mailing list. The police also ask locals to report any unusual activity in an emergency on 999 or after the event on 101 or "Do it online" www.essex.police.uk/do-itonline/report-a-crime/ or to Crime stoppers anonymously on 0800 555 111.

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The Reverse Advent calendar appeal is a way for everyone to give to others at what can be a difficult time of year. Instead of eating a daily chocolate throughout December, you're encouraged to donate an item of food each day to the Uttlesford Foodbank. With your generosity (which this year has been astonishing, thank you!) the foodbank will be able to provide Christmas hampers for the families they are supporting. Here is a suggested list of festive goodies that you might like to contribute:

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Crackers	Fruit Juice	Jellies
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Part Baked Bread Rolls	Pasta Sauce	Gravy
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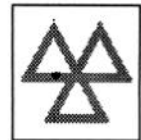
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Ray's Reflections

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Crossways



It has been a funny old year. Everyone must have realised that Elsenham just had to be affected by Covid-19. Events were cancelled or postponed.

It is even more dramatic noticing what is no longer there! We must bid a sad farewell to Crossways, the property which once stood in Station Road. Now gone, demolished and dead as a dodo.

Dr Emil Leigh was the first to practise in the village in 1950 at Crossways, his home. Many will remember ascending the stairs to his waiting room. You would sit surrounded by coughs and sore knees as you waited your turn to enter his surgery.

In addition to his ancient magazines you might have read the notice on his toilet door. This proclaimed 'Two Pees to one pull!' Dr Leigh fought an ongoing battle with his septic tank. If there was too much bathroom usage, accompanied by rainfall, there was trouble. His septic tank overflow would be active, manhole covers would 'pop' and nasties would erupt. He would find himself ankle deep in the proverbial.

On one notable occasion his sunken garden really became sunken. He showed me the foot of water it contained.

At one time Crossways had a really big garden. So large that one year the village held a garden fete there. The site of Crossways will eventually have three houses built upon it. You will need to keep your wits about you in 2021 or you could end up like Crossways.

Happy New Year.

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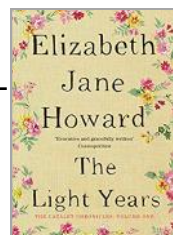
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THE LIGHT YEARS

By Elizabeth Jane Howard

Reviewed by Marion Giles



'Home Place, Sussex, 1937. The English family at home . . .

For two unforgettable summers they gathered together, safe from the advancing storm clouds of the Second World War. In the heart of the Sussex countryside these were still sunlit days of childish games, lavish family meals and picnics on the beach.

Three generations of the Cazalet family. Their relatives, their children and their servants – and the fascinating triangle of their affairs' So says the blurb on the back of the book.

Reviews:

- 'She is one of those novelists who shows, through her work, what the novel is for . . . She helps us to do the necessary thing - open our eyes and our hearts.' **Hilary Mantel**, author of *Wolf Hall*
- 'A family saga of the best kind . . . a must.' **Tatler**

The Light Years is the first novel in the Cazalet Chronicles, followed by: *Marking Time, Confusion, Casting Off and All Change*. These were adapted for television and radio. This was the choice for the book group this month.

It features an upper middle class family in the years just before WW2. The three Cazalet sons are blessed by family connections and seemingly without financial worries, but were affected by war. The women's lives are dull and routine and they seem resigned to their unfulfilled potential.

The family parents, known as the Brig and the Duchy, are hosts to their sons, wives and offspring during the summer where servants provide meals and do household chores, chauffeurs drive, nanny and governess are accepted within the household but with clearly defined low status, men get on with 'business' and women sew and shop and discuss children punctuated by family trips to the beach. The children have fun but have concerns of their own that are not always taken seriously. The parents are supported by their unmarried daughter Rachel, bound by familial duty but yearning for a different life; same sex attraction is explored through her friendship with Syd.

The story builds as each character is introduced and developed. There's a sudden darkness when some darker issues are explored including abuse, adultery, deceit and a range of conflicts bubbling away. Mostly, this is a snapshot of time, people and place, with the associated moral conventions. It evokes that time beautifully and is well-written and flows along easily. A few of us were intending to continue onto the later books in the series. However, as a clear reminder of a time when the roles of women were clearly defined but not always in a good way, for me, one book in the series was enough.

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OMEGA CLUB YEAR

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All things considered, the Omega Running Club has had a pretty good year. We have been running on Saturday morning since the end of the first lockdown – socially distanced of course! And the 5k (white fish route) by strange coincidence led younger residents to find Nemo via appropriately named fish such as Private Pike and Nicola Sturgeon.

Social distancing is preserved by an informal handicap start. Alcus Erasmus always starts last and still manages to finish first. On this statistically dubious basis I am calling Alcus, *Club Champion*. However, it's rumoured that Arthur the spaniel might mount a challenge to this decision, claiming race fraud; he was only prevented from winning by his dawdling owner. On a similar unscientific basis Jess Laird must be declared *Ladies' Champion* and Ali Lafferty, *Most Improved Runner*.

Monday evening routes (yellow fish) change weekly through the summer but stop at the end of September. This year, the usual reward of post-run refreshment was sadly missing due to the Cock being closed on Mondays but we had many good runs including Chickney, Elsenham, Sibleys, Pledgdon Green, Ugley, Little Henham and Widdington and successfully got everyone back before dark. Following the fish through Widdington can be a challenge... we are convinced there is a piscatorial kleptomaniac living there. Pushpa Mistry has this year taken the title, *Runner Most Likely to Get Lost* from Katie Clarke, arriving back one night having been to Hamperden End (which added a couple of kilometres to the 10k route) and another night having been through a 'swamp' (no – I didn't know there were any round here either!) However, most people went where they were supposed to go except, perhaps, Will Gemmell who flagrantly exploited local knowledge to find diversions more suited to his knees.

The *Duracell Bunny* title this year must go to Andy Fuller Lewis. It doesn't matter how long the route is, he runs here from Elsenham first, keeps going at the same pace and runs home again afterwards! Nigel Hogg shows a similar commitment; he usually turns up for the Saturday 5k at 9am having already cycled 20k!

Thanks to everyone for turning up – particularly Will Coleby for helping out with the fish and Katie Clarke for the end of season chocolate cake. If anyone thinks they might like to try us out please feel free to turn up at Vision Fitness on Saturdays at 9am. Or if you are just a bit shy, give us a call!





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Surge for mental health support prompts new campaign

Uttlesford Citizens Advice is supporting a countywide campaign that aims to tackle declining mental wellbeing in the county as a result of coronavirus. Latest figures show the number of assessments by adult mental health practitioners have increased by around 50%. The [Essex Mental Health and Wellbeing Team](#) is also seeing its highest number of referrals since it was established.



In response, ECC is launching *Mental Health Essex*, a targeted campaign that aims to reach those most at risk of suffering with mental health issues as a result of Covid-19, providing information and support. The campaign uses local insight to target specific groups that have been identified as being most affected by the pandemic, and who may be suffering more with their mental health. These groups are those:

- with employment issues (furloughed, unemployed, at risk of redundancy)
- with young children age 0-4 higher risk, but also for those with 0-15s
- Women (due to caring responsibilities)
- Younger adults

ECC and partners across the county offer a wide range of support to those struggling with their mental health. More details about support available throughout the county can be found on the Essex County Council web pages; www.essex.gov.uk/mental-health. Details of local health and wellbeing support can be found on Uttlesford Frontline; you can also use the site to self-refer to many of these services. www.uttlesfordfrontline.org.uk

Don't struggle alone

If you are facing challenging circumstances at the moment, you are not alone. The pandemic itself may have caused financial or other problems for you or your family or it could have made an already difficult situation even worse. But however insurmountable a problem seems, there is always a way out. A problem shared is a problem halved and this can very often be the case. Take the time to talk to friends and family who know you well; they may be able to offer valuable advice and practical support.

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Just before Lockdown #2 took effect, on 4 November Ray Franklin for the EVHS and Angie Wenlock representing the residents of Franklin Drive laid wreaths at the Village War Memorial marking this year's Remembrance Day.



As mentioned in last month's magazine, I was delighted to receive a phone call from Tim Willis owner of Willis Toys who very kindly agreed to be interviewed about his time in Elsenham. Without delay our intrepid reporter Chris Bush was despatched to Wimbish where a suitably socially distanced interview took place. A few more days of furious typing has resulted in a fifteen page transcript of the interview telling the story of the Willis Toys operation in Elsenham. I hope the aching fingers are better soon Chris! Illustrated with many photographs it is a fascinating read and may be found under the **People** tab on our website. The one photograph we don't have is of the factory/warehouse itself. If anyone can help with such a picture please get in touch.

Just a couple of days later, Annie Gleeson contacted me with a story about a Willis Toys Snakes and Ladders board. Recounted by her grandfather, it tells the tale of how the board, bought in an old fashioned toyshop in Cleckheaton, in the West Riding of Yorkshire around 1992, came home to Elsenham just a few years later. This, I have to say, is a lovely story and it too may be found in full on the website as part of the above transcript.

Writing this I realise that this is the last of my offerings for 2020 so as you read this hopefully lockdown is no more and you will be looking forward to Christmas. I hope everyone has a very Merry Christmas and a Happy and Healthy New Year by which time, hopefully, some form of normality will have returned and we will be able to welcome you back to our meetings. Here's fingers crossed for 2021.



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ELSENHAM WOMEN'S INSTITUTE

By Moyra Jackson ☎ 647351



Yesterday was a funny old day. I sat down after lunch, ready to write this month's piece for the magazine when the phone rang. It was my friend Sue MacEwen from Essex Federation asking me if I was doing anything that evening. No, I said, frantically trying to think what Sue may have in store for me during lockdown. "Well, you're on the Rob Jelly show on BBC Essex tonight!" I wasn't expecting that!

And so I was – with Federation colleagues, the aforementioned Sue, Jan Curtis and Lindsey Peters (formerly of Elsenham) to chat about all things WI. This was on Zoom so not as scary as being in the studio. Elsenham WI was mentioned many times by both Lindsey P and myself. I was asked what the WI means to me in a word – "friendship". The big surprise was after our slot ended when our youngest member, my daughter Lynsey, texted the station to give Elsenham WI a shout out. Rob Jelly phoned her back and she spoke on air about why someone her age was in the WI. As I said – it was a funny old day!

Our last meeting was with the very engaging Darren Tansley from the Woodland Trust sharing his tales of the beavers at Finchingfield. Darren's slides were wonderful, tracking the progress of the beavers over a year and showing the beneficial effects they bring to the environment.

It was a very different Remembrance Day this year. We did manage to put in the Field of Remembrance honouring all the fallen who are on our Memorial. We would usually cater for up to 200 people in and around the hall after the service in the Memorial Garden. That could not happen in 2020. Our own Act of Remembrance was not lessened in any way by COVID, with our wreath being laid this year by Gill Hathaway, with little ceremony but with great dignity.



Our meeting on 17 December is a Christmas Quiz with Sam Briggs – Christmas jumpers and lots of sparkle the order of the day!

On behalf of all at Elsenham WI I would like to wish everyone a very merry Christmas and above all, a healthy New Year filled with love and kindness.



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With Christmas just around the corner we are thinking of calling friends and family but not, I suspect, from a red telephone box.

In 1924 the Royal Fine Art Commission invited three architects to submit designs for new telephone kiosks. The winner was Sir Giles Gilbert Scott who also designed Liverpool Cathedral where he is buried. Scott was at the time a trustee of Sir John Soane's Museum and he topped his kiosk with a dome similar to that on the mausoleum Soane had designed for himself. It was produced in cast iron as GPO model K2, replacing the K1 concrete kiosk. Later designs had a similar appearance. The most common, the somewhat smaller K6, was introduced for King George V's Silver Jubilee in 1935.

The colour red was chosen to make them easy to spot, although Scott had suggested silver. These robust and iconic survivors of the 20th century, found in almost every town and village, are worth preserving. At the last count, 51 (within the Hundred Parishes) had been listed.

Most red phone boxes have now been decommissioned although a few, like the one in Anstey, still operate as a pay phone. Many villages have used the box to house a defibrillator; others have inventively turned them into informal book exchanges (pictured: Hildersham phone box/library) and information points.



Some villages have been even more imaginative: the box in Standon has been transformed into a greenhouse full of colourful plants.

With Christmas in mind, the society still has a limited supply of its book *The Hundred Parishes: an Introduction*. The 400-page hardback with a thousand photos is available for £25 from tourist information centres and good book shops, or by arrangement with me.

The Society's trustees wish you all a very happy Christmas.

Ken McDonald, Secretary ☎813226.

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Elsenham Tennis Club is closed until lockdown ends on 2 December and we will keep you posted. The best way to keep up to date is via our website www.elsenhamtennisclub.co.uk or our Facebook page. We are hoping to be able to resume play after the current lockdown restrictions are lifted.

Reduced membership rates joining in 2021

It all depends on when we are allowed to open up again but we will introduce reduced rates (as our membership year ends March) from 1 January onwards to allow people to join until the end of March for a reduced rate. Our rates are amongst the lowest in the area anyway and we do have floodlights that allow us to play until 10.30pm as well as regular club nights, competitive league play (including inter-club), ladies' mornings and coaching.

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Elsenham Tennis Club wishes everyone a Merry Christmas and a safe, Happy New Year

STANSTED HALL & ELSENHAM CRICKET CLUB

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



In hindsight the club did well in 2020. The seniors played half a season and the juniors had just over half a season of Friday night coaching sessions and a really well organised cricket camp. More importantly, most of our members appeared to be enjoying cricket down at 'the Hall'. The improved facilities helped with the new veranda being an interesting talking point during the season. The club will be improving the inside of the pavilion during the winter months.

The ground at Molehill Green is now ready. The outfield and wicket are much improved and the pavilion is ready. We feel sure that our juniors are really going to enjoy playing matches at Cricketfield Lane, Molehill Green. The club is considering 'branding' our junior section. Shall we call them 'The Eagles', 'The Moles' or maybe 'The Red Kites'? Any sensible ideas would be appreciated. Please email me as above.

In many ways 2020 has been dreadful and we all look forward to 2021 with hope. Happy everything and stay safe

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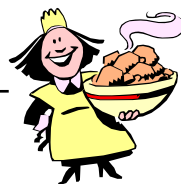
FROM THE PARISH REGISTERS

Funeral:

- Service of Thanksgiving and Burial at St Peter's Church, Ugley on 30th October 2020, Joan Elizabeth Hilton, aged 82 years, of Snakes Lane, Ugley Green.

COOKERY CORNER

By Sue Johnson ☎ 812704



A very simple suggestion as an alternative turkey roast for Christmas or indeed at any time!

TURKEY ROULADE WITH WALNUT PESTO (Serves 4-6)

2oz (55g) flat-leaf parsley, chopped	6fl oz (180ml) extra-virgin olive oil
4½oz (125g) walnuts, chopped	10-15 rashers, streaky bacon
2 garlic cloves, peeled and chopped	2lb 2oz (1kg) boneless turkey breast
2oz (55g) Parmesan cheese, grated	Salt and black pepper
Thyme, bay leaves, cranberries for garnish (optional)	

Pre-heat the oven to 170°C/150°C fan/gas mark 3. Put the parsley, garlic, parmesan, a little salt and pepper in a food processor. Add three-quarters of the walnuts. Blend until smooth. With the motor running, gradually pour in the olive oil until well blended.

Lay the bacon slices on a flat surface. Place the turkey breast on top of the bacon, skin-side down. Pound to an even thickness, using a rolling pin.

Season the turkey with pepper, then spread the meat with the pesto. Sprinkle the remaining walnuts on top.

Roll the meat, so that the bacon wraps around the turkey. Tighten with kitchen string.

Place the rolled meat in a roasting tin and bake in the oven for 1½ hours, or until the turkey is cooked through. There should be no trace of pink juices. Garnish with thyme, bay leaves and cranberries to finish.

Serve with lovely roast potatoes and vegetables of your choice.

CHEF'S RECOMMENDATIONS: This recipe can easily be halved, using individual smaller turkey or chicken breasts. Wishing you all a safe, peaceful and very Merry Christmas!



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