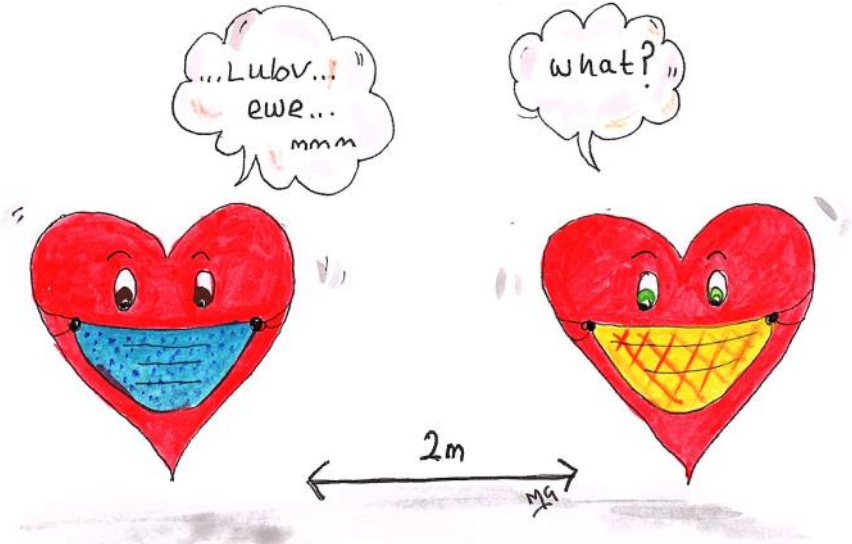


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Rainbows	Yoga
Tots & Toddlers	Village Café, tea, coffee and lunch
Zumba	

Some groups are meeting online or in a limited way

Beavers and cubs
Church services, Little Fishes and special events (please see page 27)
Elsenham Tennis Club activities (please see page 47)
Elsenham & Stansted Hall Cricket Club training & fixtures (see website)
Kick Boxing (on Playing Field)
WI (online, please see page 25)

Parish Council meetings are being held by Zoom. The next meetings are on **Monday 1 February and 1 March**. Contact Louise Johnson for information by email on [✉ louise.epc@gmail.com](mailto:louise.epc@gmail.com)



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

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THE NEWS REPORT

From The Editors



Happy New Year to all our readers, we hope you are safe and healthy.

Covid restrictions are impacting what we can all do and lots of clubs and activities have stopped. Indeed we are producing this magazine only as a PDF. However, there is still a remarkable amount of things that can be done in the village so we are delighted to flag those up here.

We hope to be back with a printed magazine next month and we are looking for a Distribution Co-ordinator for the magazine, see p2. If you think you could help out please contact us for a no-obligation discussion.

There are two requests for help to draw to your attention. Any unwanted Christmas decorations can be passed on to the Aid to Romania appeal, see p 33 . Daisy May's Farm would really appreciate your support to ensure that the animals remain safe and well while there is no income from visitors.

Our regular feature writers continue to provide interesting articles that help us to understand and to appreciate what we see around us in the village. Ray's Reflections on p4 , for instance will be looking at the history of specific areas of the village over the course of the year. Natural Outlook, see p19, highlights what there is to see in the natural world and The 100 Parishes article on p23 sheds light this month on the lumpy rocks that are actually called puddlestones.

We also have reports from clubs and societies who are meeting via Zoom, which of course you are welcome to join. There is something for everyone.

Happy reading, see you next month,

Stay safe!

The Editors

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Dear Editors,

Shout out for the Post Office team

I would like to say a big "thank you" to the wonderful people who have kept our Post Office up and running during this last year. Colin, Karen, Dean and our posties have provided a fantastic service, particularly during lockdown. They were kept busy, often with parcels, but still had time to offer help when needed and always with a smile.

It meant a lot to our village, and especially to people living on their own that they found time to have a cheery word. During lockdown sometimes the posties were the only people they spoke to.

I am sure they will offer the same service in 2021 and we can look forward to using the service. Well done!

Name & address supplied.



Dear Editors,

Bowls Club Update

I hope everyone's New Year has had a safe and healthy beginning - long may that continue for you all.

As you know the Bowls & Social Club is closed with no sign as yet of when we will be able to reopen. But as soon as we can, rest assured, we will be ready to welcome you back with open arms, whether it is just to have a drink at the bar, play bingo or to have a game of bowls on our wonderful green.

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Sue Waite

Bowls Club Committee

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Dear Editors,

Message from Options Hair Design

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We are so missing seeing everyone but we are planning, plotting, researching and Zooming each other with new ideas for our New 2021. We aim to go forward with renewed energy and zap but we would like you to be part of it.

Please when passing the salon pop in an envelope or email ann@h2d4.com with your ideas for how we can improve, excite and ensure that we gallop into 2021 with a salon dedicated to what the folk of our villages like and need.

The most inspirational idea wins a voucher for Afternoon Tea with a friend at our Fabulous Farm Shop, Clifford's at Pledgon Barns. (When we are out of lockdown, of course.)

We very much look forward to mixing your inspirations with ours at Options. I feel we are on the way to a very interesting recipe.

Ann Fegan

Options Hair Design and The Hair Loss Clinic

Dear Editors,

Royal British Legion Poppy Appeal

For obvious reasons It has been a tough year for the Royal British Legion Poppy Appeal. However, I am delighted to say that in our little area, we still managed to raise over £6,400 for the charity. A big pat on the back for all of our locations and contributors who managed to raise this incredible amount.

Unfortunately, after 6 years I am now standing down as the Poppy Appeal Organiser and moving on to pastures new. One of my volunteers has taken on the challenge and will be the new PAO for 2021. Simon Bambridge lives in Henham and can be contacted on 07768 955454.

Thanks for all of your support and generosity over the years, good luck Simon, and here's to a prosperous 2021.

Craig Willcox

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Dear Editors,

To all the People of Elsenham

On behalf of Sharon, my daughters and myself I want to say a big “thank you” to you all for all your lovely cards over Christmas as well as the many kind words we received via email and on Facebook wishing us well as we leave. We were given a cheque as a parting gift to which lots of people from the village had made a contribution and we are so grateful for it.

God bless you all. Wishing you all the very best for the future.

Revd Gary Townsend

The National Census

Every ten years, the Office for National Statistics conducts a census of the population in England and Wales, **and the next one will take place in March 2021**. Everyone with an interest in family history appreciates the value of census information but the census plays a much wider role in our everyday lives - often without us ever realising it.

The information from the census is used to plan and allocate funding for services such as school places, GP surgeries, housing, care provision and transport links. But did you know that water companies use the information as well? The census gathers information about place of work and commuting; water companies use this data to plan levels of peak water demand - when travelling to and from work was the norm, apparently the first thing we all did when we got home was put the kettle on and go to the loo!

The General Register Office (GRO) and the post of Registrar General were set up by the Births and Registrations Act of 1836 but birth registration did not become compulsory in England and Wales until 1875. The first Registrar General was Thomas Lister who also wrote “*silver fork novels*” (satirical tales of scandal and illicit sex amongst the upper classes!) and “*A Dialogue for the Year 2130*”, an early science-fiction or “futuristic” book.

All census data is kept safe, confidential, secure and private. No-one has access to any personal information until it is released after 100 years for historical and research purposes.

So make sure that you complete your census form. Please encourage your family, friends and neighbours to do likewise. And who knows, in 100 years time, your descendants may be wondering at the employment descriptions of “check-out operator” or a “systems analyst”. By the way, you don’t have to list your pets on the 2021 census!

There are some census facts on pages 21 and 41.

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A belated Happy New Year. Happy and healthy feels more appropriate than other years.

The vaccination programme has begun. We are hopeful that this will continue and we will soon be able to live the new normal. The pandemic continues and the Council is able to continue to provide all the statutory services.

We are hugely disappointed that once again a Government Inspector has deemed this area suitable for development. The absence of a local plan is due to the failure in 12 years to produce a Local Plan. Though tempting to tinker with the plan, it was nigh on impossible, as stated by the Inspectors, "We are of the view that withdrawal of the plan from examination is likely to be the most appropriate option". We then engaged expert consultants via the Local Government Association to see if the plan could be saved, but they confirmed it was a failure. As stated before, please do respond to the Local Plan Consultations.

Non-determination claims are slightly misleading. Essex Highways procrastinated in responding to this application for a year, thus allowing non-determination to be used for an application to go straight to the inspector. Essex Highways did not respond in a timely manner regarding the Fairfield application. Essex Highways practically reversed their position of being against the development, to one of supporting at the appeal hearing. If these applications had been determined and recommended refusal, they would still have gone through the appeal process and brought before the Planning Inspectors and their narrow remits.

We have initiated an external review of the workings of the Planning Dept. This is more complex than turning round the committee. We are also looking to boost the resources of the dept. So this part of the transformation is still work in progress. What we can't greatly influence is government policy. We must continue to respond and lobby at every opportunity.

We are approached about planning more than any other council business. Though we do not welcome new builds, we do appreciate those who have moved here and embrace this village.

Whilst writing, If there are residents struggling because they have been told to isolate through test and trace, there is a discretionary grant of £500 that anyone can apply for (they don't have to be on benefits etc). Contact Uttlesford District Council for more information. 🌐 www.uttlesford.gov.uk



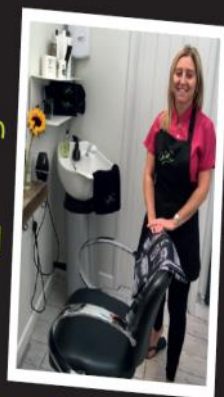
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After the year we have all had, let's make this year's fete one to remember and celebrate what a fantastic community we live in.

The Village Fete organisers are an optimistic bunch, and we are pressing on with arrangements for this year's fete, which as you can see from the header is going to be on **SATURDAY 5th JUNE** from 1-4pm and you are ALL invited!!

We intend on having a fantastic day with LOTS of stalls and attractions and if you would like to be involved in any way, please do let us know.

We always want to keep the fete fresh and interesting and the best way to do that is to have new folk helping to plan and organise it. You can get involved as much or as little as you want, we just value some new input.

There are lots of ways you can help – maybe by joining us in our monthly brainstorming sessions (which will be online at the moment), helping to organise certain aspects of the fete, by running a stall or by helping set up on the big day or by giving us some fresh ideas of what you would like to see at our fete – take your pick. You can help in a big way or as little as you feel comfortable with – any help is much appreciated!

Please join us in putting on this brilliant event for our village. Whatever you can do, we'd love to hear from you, so please get in touch via the details below the header and let us know. Thank you.



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By David Hill ☎ 812397



New year, new lockdown. At least we can look back on Christmas – and didn't the village do well!

We had wonderful Christmas trees and sparkling Advent windows. I don't think that I have ever seen the village looking so bright.

Looking to the future, any plans we have for Fabric Fund activities are currently on hold but as soon as things ease up we will swing into action. And here's hoping our twice-postponed Christmas Tree Festival can take place this year. It can complement those sparkling trees and windows you display!

However, Teri Williams did not let the situation stand in the way of her "Surprise Parcels". Clifford's Farm Shop in Pledgdon Barn kindly gave her the space to display and sell her beautifully wrapped presents in aid of our fund. Our grateful thanks to Teri and Clifford's (if you don't know it, their shop is worth a visit).

Here's looking to the future. These things will pass.

Until then, best regards from your Church Fabric Fund Committee. Stay safe.

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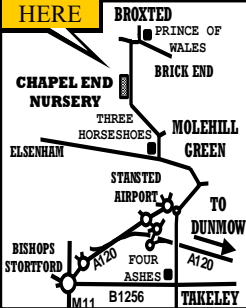
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Government planning inspectors wasted no time in deciding to allow appeals by Fairfield for up to 350 homes between Henham and Elsenham, and another 99 by Wallace Land Investments on two sites at the west end of the village, comprising 61 off Isabel Drive and another 38 off Stansted Road, next to the motorway on the left as you come into the village.

Inevitably the question of road access through Stansted was raised at both Inquiries. Essex Highways did not object to the Fairfield Appeal, which meant that Uttlesford District Council did not contest on highways grounds and it was left to the villages to put up a robust case. The part of the Inspector's report concerning highways seemed so stupid and ill-informed to me that I have not read it for a second time.

Essex Highways mounted an objection to the Wallace proposal, on the grounds that a tipping-point had been reached, and more traffic would result in exponential increases in the length of the queues from Elsenham. The prospect seemed promising - until, on the first day of the Inquiry, it was announced that an understanding had been reached with the applicants and Highways had withdrawn their objection. UDC therefore did not object on highways grounds, leaving the question to be fought without notice by the harassed but determined representative of the Parish Council.

The applicants propose an additional traffic detector approaching Stansted from Elsenham in order to reduce the queue at peak times. This implausible solution was enough for Highways, and the Inspector decided that if they were happy, then so too was he, even though there was little to show that such a provision would have any great effect. That's the thing with Highways - not only do they not know what they're talking about, when you do think they're on your side they're liable to slip away at the last moment.

The Inspector decided that the traffic modelling by computer on which the applicants set much store should be accepted as reliable, although it was based on a single day's survey in 2018, and despite many representations detailing real-life experience from residents of Elsenham and Stansted. Remarkably, the Inspector was uninterested in differences between the modelling outcomes of the two applications, finding that it was sufficient that both had been validated by Essex Highways.

UDC is no more help than Essex. The big problem is that they don't have a Local Plan. Their stated policy is that parish councils will be included in discussions of the 'Section 106' provisions which are intended to offset the impact of developments. Despite several remonstrances by Elsenham Parish Council, no such involvement was arranged. The Parish Council wishes to secure more funds for the new community hall which will be even more badly needed when all the new houses are built.

Summary: Inspectorate stupid, Essex Highways ignorant and UDC disgraceful.

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NATURAL OUTLOOK ON INTERESTING GARDENS

By Heather Salvidge ☎ 814153



Last February was the wettest on record and this autumn/winter has kept it up with a prolonged soggy, milder spell leading to serious floods in parts of the UK. It also meant that there were red admiral butterflies seen in the allotments in November and that I picked delphiniums in flower in early December and had to feed the hedgehog for longer than usual. The local fox was about in the back gardens of Station Road and New Road before Christmas but the RTAs were not observed in local roads until later on as they move about more in the mating season.

When it was still mild before Christmas a medium-sized dark brown/greyish moth spent two nights in our side porch. It was identified as a “winter moth” by a knowledgeable neighbour. During the mild bit, the major tree work to The Spinney was carried out. This year many of the mature ashes were cleared leaving the remainder to have room to spread their canopies. The wildflower patch has had some common mallow planted and more seeds (red poppy) scattered. Fingers crossed now for a more colourful show later on.

We had experienced some frosts from November but they were late starting and not long-lasting. Then on Christmas Eve the icy spell started; it did give us a clear night sky by which to observe the conjunction of Saturn and Jupiter, which I did. Then on Christmas Day, at 9:30am, we had three minutes of snow – wow! In 2020 New Year’s Day was the warmest on record for 178 years. This year it was about 2:5 C.

Birdwise, the song thrush, based either side of Station Road near the station, started tuning up on St Andrew’s Day and sang on and off until the bad weather, started again in the New Year.

In our garden nearly all my ‘winter regulars’ showed up except, so far, the reed bunting and siskins. There are the extra continentals e.g. jays and blackbirds needing acorns and manky apples respectively and these add to the year-round regulars.

There was a flock of redwings based, unusually, in the oak by the entrance to Ridley Gardens . From there they would fly across to the well-berried hollies at the back of Elm Close, sometimes about 20 of them, until after a while they had finished, leaving just a few for the local blackbirds. During this time they also came to our garden to roost in the black mulberry bush. They sussed out our small well-berried holly and drank water from the stream when bird baths were frozen.

Before going to press, I have seen just the one lone Fieldfare on De Mandeville Green but hope to see more of him. The local flock of Canada geese have periodically grazed in the field between Hall Road and Elsenham Place. They usually feed down near Stansted Brook, sometimes with a heron and one or two other goose species. More on my “best new bird” of the season later.

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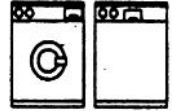
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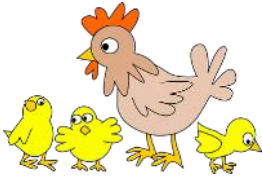
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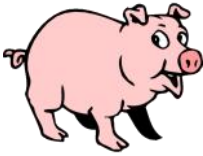
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Despite the new year not starting as we had hoped, we are going to wish you all a very happy and healthy new year, because that is what we would like for each and every one of us (including the animals of course).

We had a really great Christmas and lots of you lovely people came and saw us and, despite the mud, you thoroughly enjoyed meeting and feeding the animals. You counted all the candy canes in the festive woodland trail, made some beautiful Christmas crafts and listened so nicely to Mother Christmas's story before she handed out your presents. You all had a fine, festive time!

We were just getting back on our feet then lockdown happened and sadly, once again the farm had to close, which, of course, has had a massive impact on us.

The animals are fine and we are making sure they are all well fed, snug and comfy, but that comes at a price. So if you would like to help us, we have a crowdfunding page with JustGiving (see link below) and anything you can give is VERY much appreciated. Thank you so much.
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Census fact #1 The census of 1801 recorded the population as being 9 million and this had risen to 63.2 million by 2011. Among the population, there have been some very interesting responses over the years.

In 1841, there was one bee dealer, 20 peg makers and 9 makers of artificial eyes; and there were 734 female midwives compared to the 31,255 in 2011, 330 of whom were men.

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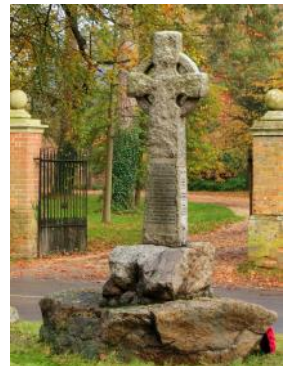
Our area has a good number of so-called 'Hertfordshire puddingstones'. I am not convinced that Hertfordshire has any real justification for claiming the puddingstone because examples can be found on both sides of the Essex / Hertfordshire county boundary. I recently acquired a copy of 'Puddingstone Walks in Essex', a neat little book that describes walking routes which in total pass more than twenty puddingstones or groups of puddingstones in the Essex part of the Hundred Parishes.

A puddingstone is a conglomerate of many small, rounded and colourful pebbles that appear to have been cemented together. Geologists explain these were formed around 50 million years ago and were deposited in this area by a retreating glacier, possibly only 10,000 years ago at the end of the last ice age.

Some puddingstones lay where they were deposited, whilst others have been moved to more convenient locations and sometimes put to good use. Brent Pelham and Arkesden have incorporated them into their war memorials. Others are visible in Arkesden in the stream of Wicken Water beside the bridge.

Stones have been used as building material within walls in Much Hadham and Wendens Ambo, in Great Hallingbury's church tower and in St Helen's Chapel at Wicken Bonhunt.

One in Standon is proudly displayed, whilst a large puddingstone in Newport seems to have been unceremoniously abandoned beside the approach road to the station. Others stand in Tilty churchyard, by the pump at Ugley Green, in Saffron Walden Museum's grounds, by the Shell House in Hatfield Forest and beside the Yew Tree pub in Manuden.



No doubt there are many more – I would be pleased to hear of any that I have missed – please hundredparishes@btinternet.com, if possible with a photo. Will we find more in Hertfordshire or Essex?

Ken McDonald, Secretary

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By Moyra Jackson ☎ 647351



On behalf of Elsenham WI I would like to wish you all a happy and healthy New Year. I am sure most of us made a New Year Resolution. These usually centre around giving up something you like which is bad for you or starting something that's good for you but you really don't want to do – hence the reason most resolutions made around New Year fail to make it into February let alone to the end of December.

We have resolutions in the WI too. Every January we are given a shortlist of possible campaigns and we all get to choose the one we think we can adopt successfully and make a lasting difference. Our shortlist this year includes Ovarian Cancer, Chronic Coronary Disease, Racial Discrimination, Wildlife in the Community and Peat-free Gardening. We had an extra meeting on Zoom for our members to talk about these options. The discussions were open, balanced, well researched and heartfelt. All our choices count and go forward to first Federation then to National to decide on the two we will look at later in the year and vote on. Our campaigns have successfully tackled issues that matter to our members. From equal pay to climate change, mental health and violence against women, over the past 100 years our members have embraced a diverse set of challenges.

And talking about one hundred years – it's HAPPY BIRTHDAY to us! We were established in 1921 so this is our centenary year and we have a fabulous programme of events planned throughout the year. No matter what 2021 throws at us our events will go ahead, either in person or virtually, and we will continue to serve the needs of our members and maintain our involvement in village events. Just as we have for the past one hundred years in fact!



Our next meeting is on 18 February and it is our annual 'Show the Love' meeting where we highlight Climate Change. Deborah Smailes will be joining us on Zoom to talk about Fast Fashion and our competition for the month is an upcycled garment.

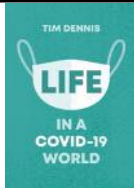
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Life in a Covid-19 world



When Covid-19 first came to Britain, many of us didn't think we'd still be deeply impacted by the virus a year later. As I write this in mid-January, Professor Chris Whitty, the chief medical officer for England, said that he is "confident" normality will come back but society is "quite a long way" from it. We long to know when is it going to be over – but in the meantime we are worried about how can we continue to cope with this deadly virus that has dominated so much of this last year. On the radio I heard the start of a discussion about how people are coping in lockdown. One person started talking about their love of books. For many to dive into a good novel is a great and enjoyable escapism from the ongoing social exclusion. Others have been greatly helped by social media. We had hoped to visit my son and his young family in Fulham at Christmas, but that wasn't possible, so we watched video clips through WhatsApp of the grandchildren excitedly opening Christmas presents we'd posted to them. My daughter did a Christmas quiz that we shared over the internet with family. With my wife and daughter over this last year we have been exploring new board games (such as Wingspan, Scythe, Azul and Terraforming Mars) and have a running scoreboard - I'd like to say I'm winning but that wouldn't be true. We can find diversions and fun things to do, but things can still seem very bleak. Covid-19 is a challenge to us about how we adjust to the new "normal", and for us all to ask some really fundamental questions about life and to think about the future and where we might find

meaning and hope.

If I was asked about how I have coped in lockdown, I would want to say that my Christian faith and my personal trust in Jesus are central to all of life in all of its ups and downs. I draw strength from God, from Holy Scripture and from my fellow Christian believers, including Christian authors. Our group of 3 churches (Henham, Elsenham and Ugley) have a Christian Book Club, which, prior to Covid, would meet and chat over a Christian book with coffee and cake or over a soup lunch. We now meet over the internet via Zoom and invite you to consider joining us to chat over a book by Tim Dennis called "Life in a Covid-19 World". It is a small book (only 50 pages) but it might help you find hope in these hard times. You can order the book from 10ofthose.com or contact office@heuchurch.co.uk for a copy – it is less than £1 (future books will be dearer, but there is help if finances are tight). We will chat over the book at the end of March via Zoom when people have had a chance to read it. We have had some great discussions and found the meetings really helpful. You are not committed to anything, you can read the book and not join in with the Zoom meeting if you like.

There is hope even in dark times but sometimes we need to actively reach out for help.

May the God of hope fill you with all joy and peace as you trust in him, so that you may overflow with hope by the power of the Holy Spirit. (Romans 15:13)
God bless.

Gary Tubbs (Associate Minister)

While we are in lockdown, there will be no 'physical' services, so there is no service at St Peter's Ugley for the time being. We are still meeting 'virtually'!

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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)

We continue to send an audio file, a picture story and activities to parents by email. Looking at stories Jesus told.

Henham Explorers (Y4-Y6)

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

Christian Play (Y1- Y2)

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 Little Fishes pre-school group Thursdays, 10.15am

Meeting via Zoom unless restrictions change to enable us to meet physically.

Elsenham Little Fishes pre-school group

Weekly resources provided during term time.

Pathfinders (Y7-9) Sundays, 6pm

Meeting via Zoom. We'd love to have new members join us!

Crammin' (Y10-Y13) Sundays, 7pm

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Farewell to Revd Gary Townsend

When Gary Townsend arrived in the summer of 2010 Elsenham Church was in the middle of celebrating 900 years as the parish church. His first get-to-know-you event was a beer tasting at Parsonage Farm, Henham when the Saffron Brewery launched a beer specially brewed to celebrate the nona-centenary. Gary, his wife Sharon and daughters Evie and Maybelle quickly settled in to village life and became well known throughout the three parishes of Henham, Elsenham and Ugley. His sound, bible-based teaching, was greatly appreciated.

He was also active across the Saffron Walden Deanery and instituted the annual Evangelical Sunday where preachers swapped pulpits across the Deanery to enthuse and inspire evangelism in different parishes. Unfortunately, Covid-19 prevented this taking place in 2020, but it is hoped to resurrect it this year. Gary was active throughout the benefice and enjoyed talking to his 'largest congregation' when he led assemblies at Elsenham School.

Gary adopted the pattern of worship that had existed in the Benefice since the 1980s, but added a regular 6.00 pm service in Henham Church aimed at young people but which attracted a number of people of all ages from across the benefice and beyond. He and Sharon also started the Dragons Youth Club in Henham and instituted the very popular Big Christmas Mix.

Gary's pastoral work was also appreciated by very many people. Acting quietly and sensitively he brought comfort, solace and hope to many people, often whilst they were facing difficulties in their lives.

After ten years Gary had a new vision for the future which involved changes to leadership, worship patterns and theology. Many members of the three PCCs thought his expectations unworkable and could not subscribe to that new vision, so Gary has decided that it is time to move on. He is to become Rector of Mereworth, Watlingtonbury and West Peckham in Kent. We wish Gary and his family well and trust that God will bless his ministry in his new parishes.

We now enter a period of time without a Vicar, known as an interregnum. The Churchwardens and PCCs have started work on the task of finding a new Vicar to lead us, and this is likely to take several months.

Our Associate Minister, Revd Gary Tubbs, will be leaving us at the end of February to take up a post in the Carlisle Diocese. An appreciation of his work will appear in next month's magazine.



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Welcome to the new year everyone and my first offering of 2021.

The first thing to report is that Jean Beeston has decided to step down from the Committee. Jean has made a significant contribution to EVHS.

Jean has written a short biography of Dorothy Paget, a fascinating woman, for the website. Jean's history of Broom Farm makes her our bestselling author, this book having 'recently' been reprinted. Thank you Jean for your contribution to the smooth running of our society, we wish you well for the future.

In the normal course of events we would invite nominations for the vacancy and would vote at the AGM, current circumstances however preclude holding the AGM in March so this will be deferred to a later date when things have settled down.

Meanwhile, we have been investigating the rumour of Elsenham Mill. It has been long thought that there was once a windmill in Elsenham but no one quite knew where. Study of old maps and detective work has determined that the mill in question was to the south of Henham just to the north of the site of the long closed Mill Road station on the Thaxted Branch railway.

The first mention of a windmill on this site is in 1363 referring to 'a parcel of the barony of Fitzwauter including a windmill in ruins'. The next mention is in 1728 when the Henham Estate was sold by Governor Feake. This shows that George Fuller, a miller was at that time renting the windmill for £8 per annum. The only known photograph dating from circa 1880 is reproduced here wrongly naming it as Elsenham Mill. Maybe, the source of the original rumour. The last miller was Robert Wright who took over the mill in 1894, within ten years, however, according to a 1903 press report, the mill was dismantled leaving just the thatched round base as a farm store that in later years housed a generator to provide power to the chicken house on the other side of the road. The building was still marking the site of the mill in 1973 but has now been reduced to a circle of brickwork about two feet (600mm) high.

A photograph taken some eighty years ago of Elsenham windmill, near Bishop's Startford (see letter).



More information on the mill as well as a personal account from the last owner of the mill may be found at <http://www.henhamhistory.org/HenhamMill.html>

My thanks go to Ray Franklin, Chris Bush and Nina Gaubert and the Henham History website for the above information.



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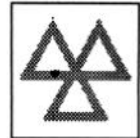
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NEIGHBOURHOOD WATCH

By Frances Lambert franceslambertnhw@btinternet.com



There is another fraudulent text message that is now circulating claiming to be from the NHS, that is encouraging people to 'apply' for their COVID vaccine.

The text message contains a link that takes recipients to a very convincing website which proceeds to ask for personal and payment details.

This should be an immediate red flag, along with the bad grammar and spelling mistakes on this website.

Remember: the COVID-19 is free via the NHS only.

It is not possible to purchase the vaccine or obtain it via other methods

If you are not in one of the priority groups, and are not expecting contact regarding the vaccine, report these messages to Action Fraud at actionfraud.police.uk or call them on 0300 123 2040

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We would love to have any Christmas decorations that you no longer need. We will send these out next autumn but would welcome them now when they are being taken down after a somewhat 'unusual' Christmas season!! We are also short of beds for some reason. This time so we can take any single size divans with drawers underneath as well as metal & timber framed types. Many thanks for the items delivered so far for the April lorry. As usual we are always short of children's clothes.

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QUIZ TIME—ANSWERS

By Marion Giles



So, here are the answers to the Yule Quiz. I hope you had fun and didn't have to resort to t'interweb too much.

1. *The Snowman* was shown on TV for the first time on Boxing Day of which year? **[Answer: 1982]**
2. How old is Kevin McCallister in *Home Alone*? **[Answer: 8 years]**
3. According to 1946's Christmas classic *It's Wonderful Life*, what happens every time a bell rings? **[Answer: an angel gets their wings]**
4. Which March sister opens LM Alcott's *Little Women* by grumbling "Christmas won't be Christmas without any presents?" **[Answer: Jo March]**
5. In what classic novel does the protagonist set sail for a sea voyage on a cold Christmas day **[Answer: Moby Dick]**
6. In which children's classic is it 'always winter but never Christmas'? **[Answer: The Lion, The Witch and The Wardrobe by CS Lewis]**
7. Which Christmas hit originally released in 1984 has been no.1 in the UK charts three times? **[Answer: Do They Know it's Christmas]**
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? **[Answer: 1994]**
9. What's the name of the giant snow monster that guards Elsa's palace in *Frozen*? **[Answer: Marshmallow]**
10. What does Harry Potter receive from Professor Dumbledore during his first Christmas at Hogwarts? **[Answer: An invisibility cloak]**
11. What Christmas beverage is also known as "milk punch"? **[Answer: Eggnog]**
12. What traditional Christmas decoration is actually a parasitic plant? **[Answer: Mistletoe]**
13. What well-known Christmas carol became the first song ever broadcast from space in 1965? **[Answer: Jingle Bells]**
14. Who invented the Christmas cracker? **[Answer: Tom Smith, a 19th-century London sweet shop owner]**
15. Which US states have towns actually named Santa Claus? **[Answer: Georgia, Arizona, and Indiana]**



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SSE considers it entirely irrational, and potentially dangerous, for the Government's Planning Inspectorate to insist that the Public Inquiry must start at the height of a pandemic. Stansted already has permission for 35 million passengers and its passenger throughput peaked at 28 million in 2018, with passenger numbers in decline since mid-2019, long before the pandemic. In 2020, Stansted handled just 7 million passengers and has forecast that it will take years to return to pre-pandemic levels. Plainly, there is no urgency to increase the current planning cap.

If approved, Stansted would be permitted to expand to a similar size and scale to Gatwick, which is why Stop Stansted Expansion (SSE) has fought these expansion proposals, tooth and nail, since they were first announced in June 2017 by the owners of Stansted Airport, the Manchester Airports Group (MAG). At that time MAG fully expected Uttlesford District Council (UDC) to approve its proposals within three months.

However, UDC officials and MAG underestimated the strength of local opposition, spearheaded by SSE. Three months has become three years and there is now, finally, an opportunity for the local community to make a stand. We all have a moral obligation to call a halt to ever-increasing aviation emissions, for the sake of future generations as well as for the sake of all other species with whom we share this planet, and SSE will do its utmost to fight for these local and wider environmental principles at the forthcoming Inquiry.

SSE cannot however hide its disappointment that UDC officials have now, behind the scenes, withdrawn most of their objections to MAG's expansion plans for Stansted, subject to a few hollow conditions.

SSE Chairman Peter Sanders commented: "In view of the timing of this Public Inquiry, at the height of a pandemic, SSE is participating under duress, but we have powerful, well-researched evidence to put before the Inquiry and we will do just that, regardless of UDC's position and regardless of the difficulties."



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ELSENHAM PARISH COUNCIL 4 JANUARY 2021

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



The Parish Council has set their precept for the financial year 2021/2022 at £82,500. This figure is the same as last year, however using the District Council's calculations it represents a 2.5% increase. This seemed very strange as the number of houses in Elsenham had certainly not decreased in the last year, so by setting the same precept an increase should not have occurred, with more houses having been built in the village staying at the same precept should have represented a decrease. The Parish Council has asked Uttlesford how this has transpired.

Both planning appeals, Fairfield, land east of Elsenham on Henham Road, for up to 350 new houses and land off Isabel Drive and Stansted Road, for up to 99 new houses, were approved by the Inspectorate. An extremely disappointing result for Elsenham, putting more pressure on the infrastructure in Elsenham and the surrounding villages.

Uttlesford District Council's defence against the Fairfield application rested mainly on the access to Elsenham using Grove Hill. The inspectorate said the junction is very awkward and constrained, however it was not the responsibility of the developer to resolve existing problems, or poor driver's judgement, and could not take into consideration random behaviour that resulted in grid lock.

To defend any future applications the District Council may need to use a different strategy.

A section 106 agreement is a legal agreement between the developer and the Local Authority (Uttlesford District Council) and should contain improvements to the surrounding area ensuring that where possible the development would make a positive contribution to the local area and community. Despite correspondence with Planning Officers at Uttlesford District Council, Elsenham Parish Council had been unsuccessful in obtaining a commitment from Uttlesford to adhere to their own policy which states that Parish Councils are included in discussion with Section 106 agreements. Elsenham Parish Council had no say in the Section 106 agreement with either of the appeals, Fairfield Development or Wallace Land Investments.

An online meeting with the Chairmen from Stansted, Henham and Elsenham was held regarding the joint service level agreement for the management and joint funding of Police Community Support Officer (PCSO). All three parishes were concerned about the amount of time that the PCSO was spending away from the parishes. This was not a reflection on the PCSO, but on her superiors that were sending her on other duties. The three parishes pay a contribution towards the PCSO's salary on the agreement that she spends her working hours between the three villages and only in an emergency would she be used for other duties. A letter was sent to Fiona Gardener at UDC and Police Inspector Colin Cox, stipulating this. It was agreed to see if the situation now improves. There had been no suggestion at the meeting that any of the three villages wanted to withdraw from the agreement.

The Great British Spring Clean will be postponed until the autumn, becoming the Great British Autumn Clean.

The next Parish Council meeting will be 1 February 2021, 8pm via Zoom (see p2).

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NEW VENTURES FOR NEW YEAR

Having received the green light from the *Elsenham News* editors I propose two new types of articles starting in 2021.

The first, inspired by the greatly missed *Herts & Essex Observer* will be my take on their "On the Street where you live." Chatting to both new residents and also those who have lived within Elsenham for some years. Secondly, almost a quarter of a century ago I started to compile pieces that formed a section within my book published in 2000. This was on clubs, organisations and groups that are in our village. This requires updated as much has happened over those 25 years. This is the first.

ELSENHAM ALLOTMENTS

The first recorded allotment site ran adjacent to the railway line and stood on what is now Glebe End Estate. This ceased to be an allotment in 1970 being sold for housing. Older residents have spoken about their parents visiting allotments, so it is apparent that they have been present within Elsenham since the First World War. At one time a small site was just to the rear of Mill Close. This ceased to be available in 1993 when work began on Rush Lane. The allotments then moved to the walled garden site which at one time was part of Elsenham Hall Estate, this is to the rear of Elsenham Church. All 23 plots are taken.

Now to bring things up to date. There are now new allotments next to Elsenham Vale Estate. Over 60 plots are available. These border the M11 Motorway and almost go as far as Stansted Road. Securely fenced with adequate parking and on-site water taps, they include a large grassed area which will be maintained by the Parish Council. The Elsenham Parish Council Clerk will be contacting those who have indicated an interest in having a plot. You will be given details on how you can choose your allotment etc. HAPPY GARDENING.

Census facts #2 In England, William the Conqueror conducted the first census which history records as the Domesday Book of 1086.

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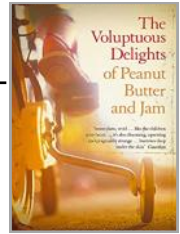


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THE VOLUPTUOUS DELIGHTS OF PEANUT BUTTER AND JAM

by Lauren Liebenberg Reviewed by Marion Giles



'Nyree and Cia live on a remote farm in the east of what was Rhodesia in the late 1970s. Beneath the dripping vines of the Vumba rainforest, and under the tutelage of their heretical grandfather, theirs is a seductive childhood laced with African paganism, mangled Catholicism and the lore of the Brothers Grimm. Their world extends as far as the big fence, erected to keep out the 'Terrs' whom their father is off fighting. The two girls know little beyond that until the arrival from the outside world of 'the bastard', their orphaned cousin Ronin, who is to poison their idyll for ever.' So says the blurb on the back of the book.

Reviews:

- Full of memorable characters and flavoured with the intensity of childhood, this is a debut that stays with the reader long after the last page is read. **Waterstone's**

This was the choice for the book group this month. We all wanted to love this book with its great title. For most of us it fell short of expectations.

We anticipated gaining a greater understanding of the country and its history as it's set in an interesting place and period with a real-life geo-political story bubbling away in the background. However, Nyree is an 8-year old girl and as a narrator, she didn't paint those pictures for us. Perhaps the author felt she could not put that understanding into the voice of a child but it made everything secondary to the little childhood world they inhabited. The book felt like quite a struggle to get in to. There were too many descriptions so it felt a little overwhelming and repetitive. We would have liked a bit more plot. The author uses much local terminology which is unexplained. There is a glossary at the back but it became tiresome to keep looking those up especially on a kindle, so most of us just guessed at meanings, which didn't seem to matter. What little action and plot there was seemed quite obvious from the outset. What happens is quite moving near the end but the abrupt finish is inconclusive and unsatisfactory.

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CHRISTMAS AT COLD COMFORT FARM by Stella Gibbons

Over the Christmas period, we choose a Christmas-themed book from a list and this book of short stories polled the most votes. For lovers of the original classic story, *Cold Comfort Farm*, it would probably be best to avoid this. The stories are very twee, not well written, very dated and of their time and, to be frank, quite boring.

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If you are in receipt of a winter fuel allowance and feel you don't need it, it would be wonderful if you could consider making a donation to support the work of Uttlesford Citizens Advice in this area.

Alternatively, if you would like to directly support someone else in the community who is having a difficult time, you could donate to Sophie's Fund. This small charity works closely with Uttlesford Citizens Advice, providing small grants to help local people who are struggling. A £20 donation could help someone buy fresh food, pay for prescriptions or school dinners, heat their home or access safe accommodation. You can donate online at www.sophiesfund.org

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By Petra Studholme 📞 814667



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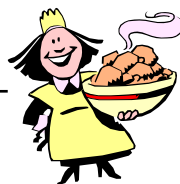
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COOKERY CORNER

By Sue Johnson ☎ 812704



A gorgeous variation on your everyday rice pudding, this dessert is a great winter warmer, with easily sourced ingredients and very simple to prepare.

COCONUT, RUM AND RAISIN RICE PUDDING (serves 6-8)

For the rum and raisin syrup

5 fl oz (150ml) rum

4oz (100) dark moist sugar

4oz (100g) raisins

For the rice pudding

2oz (50g) butter

6oz (150g) short-grain pudding rice

4oz (100g) golden caster sugar

2 x 400ml cans coconut milk

10 fl oz (300ml) double cream, plus a little extra

1 teaspoon vanilla extract

Tip all the ingredients for the rum and raisin syrup into a large saucepan and heat gently over a low heat for 5 minutes, or until the sugar has dissolved and created a syrup and the raisins have plumped up. Tip into a bowl, cover and set aside.

In the same saucepan (there's no need to clean it) melt the butter over a medium heat until sizzling, then scatter over the rice and toast in the hot butter until the butter is just starting to brown. Stir in the sugar, then pour over the coconut milk, cream and vanilla. Bring to a simmer and continue to cook gently for 40-45 minutes until the rice is tender, adding a splash more cream if it becomes too thick.

To serve hot, stir a third of the rum and raisin syrup through the pudding and spoon the rest over the top. To serve cold, leave the pudding to cool, then chill in the fridge to firm up so that you can serve it in scoops with the rum and raisin syrup spooned over.

CHEF'S RECOMMENDATIONS: The ingredients for this recipe can be easily halved. If you have any rice pudding left over, chill it in the fridge. It will keep up to three days in an airtight container. Stir chopped mango through any leftover rice pudding, scattered with toasted coconut flakes.

GARDEN HINT *By Sue Johnson*

Remove leaves of pansies affected by downy mildew and black spot, and destroy badly affected plants.



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