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Elsenham Village Regular Monthly or Quarterly Activities

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

Natter Night 2nd **Monday** of month 7.30pm Bowls & Social Club

Village Café Coffee 1st & 3rd **Tuesday** 9.30 - 11.30am Bowls & Social Club
 2nd & 4th **Tuesday** 9.30 - 11.30am Memorial Hall

Village Café Warm Place 1st **Tuesday** 12 - 4pm Bowls & Social Club

Henham & District Garden Society 1st **Tuesday** of month
 2.30 - 4pm Memorial Hall

Village Café Warm Place 2nd, 3rd, 4th **Tuesdays** 12 - 4pm Memorial Hall

Community Choir 1st & 3rd **Tuesdays** of the month 7- 8.30pm Village Hall

Life Drawing 2nd **Tuesday** of month 7.30 - 9.30 Village Hall

Village History Society 1st **Wednesday** of month quarterly 7.45pm Memorial Hall

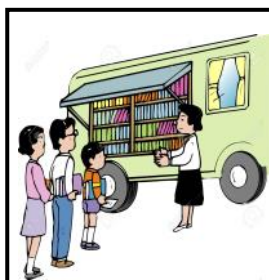
Church Lunch Club 2nd & 4th **Friday** of month 12.30pm Memorial Hall

February 2023 diary

Sat 4	Quiz Night	Bowls & Social Club 7.30 for 8pm
Mon 6	Parish Council Meeting	Memorial Hall 8pm
Tues 7 & 21	Village Café Coffee Morning	Bowls & Social Club 9.30 - 11.30am
Tues 7	Village Cafe Warm Place	Bowls & Social Club 12- 4pm
Tues 7	Henham & District Garden Soc	Memorial Hall 2.30pm
Tues 7 & 21	Elsenham Community Choir	Village Hall 7pm
Fri 10 & 24	Church Lunch Club	Memorial Hall 12.30pm
Sat 11 & 25	Bingo	Bowls & Social Club 7 for 7.30pm
Mon 13	Natter Night	Bowls & Social Club 7.30pm
Tues 14/21/28	Village Cafe Warm Place	Memorial Hall 12—4pm
Tues 14	Life Drawing	Village Hall 7.30pm
Thurs16	Elsenham WI	Memorial Hall 7.45pm
Thurs16	District Councillors' Surgery	Orwell Hose Station Road 7pm

Elsenham Village Regular Weekly Activities

Day	Time	Activity	Location
Monday	9.30-10.30am	Zumba	Memorial Hall
	10.30am	Health walk	Start at De Mandeville Green
	7-7.45pm	Boxercise	Village Hall
	7.30-8.30pm	Shape to the beat	Memorial Hall (not 1st Monday)
Tuesday	9.30-1-.30	Touchpoint	Bowls & Social Club
	4.45-5.45pm	Rainbows	Memorial Hall (term-time)
	6-7.15pm	Cubs	Henham Village Hall (term-time)
	6-7.30pm	Brownies	Memorial Hall (term-time)
	7.30-10.30pm	Tennis Club night	Tennis Courts
	8pm	Fitness Yoga/Pilates	Memorial Hall
Wednesday	9.45-11.30am	Tots & Toddlers	Memorial Hall (term-time)
	5.30-7.30pm	Slimming World	Memorial Hall
	5.45-6.45pm	Beavers	Henham Village Hall (term-time)
	7-9pm	Scouts	Henham Village Hall (term-time)
Thursday	6-7.15pm	Cubs	Henham Village Hall (term-time)
	6.45 - 7.45pm	Jump Fit	Elsenham Village Hall
Friday	10-11am	Little Fishes	Memorial Hall (term-time)
	5.45-6.45pm	Beavers Group 2	Henham Village Hall (term-time)
Saturday	9am-12pm	Junior Football	Playing Field
	8.45-9.30am	Little Kickers Mighty	Village Hall (term time)
	9.35-10.20am	Little Kickers Junior	Village Hall (term time)



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THE NEWS REPORT

From The Editors



Well 2023 certainly started with a bit of a chill.

But despite the conditions Elsenham News is back and raring to go for another year. Let's hope we can keep you all up to date with the information about your village that you will find useful and informative.

We continue to attract new advertisers and we hope you keep this publication to hand for when you need a local service. We have everything from local mechanics and plumbers to meeting and events venues.

We hope that in 2023 you, our readers, will send in your suggestions for new articles and—even better—become a regular contributor. We would love to talk with you about any ideas you have, so please do get in touch.

This is the start of year two for this editorial team and with all things there comes a time when the 'old guard' want to pass on the baton. Please read the article on page 15 and see if you would like to become an important part of the village calendar.

Let's hope that our regular contributors continue on through this year because without them we would be woefully short of news on what is happening to our village. We would once again encourage you to read Development Developments (pg11) to keep abreast of the changing face of Elsenham.

Also, make sure you read the bowls club article on pg39. They need a new social secretary and this might just be the role you are looking for. There is so much potential for a great village club and perhaps it is you that makes the difference.

So, happy new year (belatedly) and here's to an enjoyable 2023.

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As Leader and Chair of the Community Achievement Awards Working Group, Petrina felt honoured to be asked to celebrate those heroes in our district who have volunteered hundreds of hours of their time.

Cllr Asker presented the awards and Petrina as Chair of the Committee who decides the awards was delighted to address the gathering. We are extremely fortunate to have so many people in Uttlesford who give up their time for others. This awards event is important as it highlights what a vital contribution volunteers make to our lives every day and the value they bring to their communities is inspirational. This list included the Henham Dragon Editorial team, nominated by Henham Parish Council. It was wonderful to share the evening with them (even if they are extremely strict with me regarding time contribution)! A well-deserved accolade. It would be wonderful if Elsenham folk could think of those that they know are eligible (I know loads in this village) and help Elsenham Parish Council nominate our local heroes next year!

There is good news regarding the five years' housing land supply values which are relevant under the NPPF, as it currently stands. This is linked to a "presumption in favour of sustainable development" which is applicable unless five years' supply can be demonstrated. The updated value of 4.89 years as of 1 April 2022 has been published recently. We have noted that planning applicants that have submitted applications recently are still referring to the prior data, but the UDC Development Management team are, we understand, including on the planning application portal the updated position so that any reader can familiarise themselves with the accurate position. Applicants are still using UDC for their planning decisions and we will continue to refuse if we feel it is not the right development. Of course, the appeal route is still available.

Disappointingly and without consultation we were informed that the ECC-funded Highways Rangers Service will end in April this year. As we were unable to secure additional funding for this valued service, we will see the redeployment of the Highways Rangers staff into other roles within UDC.

Despite reporting, potholes repairs are not being addressed in this village. Please email Petrina at her Council address to report Elsenham potholes and she will collate and send to the appropriate cabinet member in one block.

Thank you for all your foodbank donations, those Christmas parcels helped many families. To help with the cost-of-living crisis, we have a dedicated page at www.uttlesford.gov.uk/cost-of-living.

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ELSENHAM PARISH COUNCIL JANUARY 2023

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



The clothes bank in the playing field has raised £164. It was agreed to give this money to Touchpoint. Touchpoint has opened in Elsenham 18 times, with an average of 70 people attending. Approximately 6.5 tons of food has been distributed, food that would otherwise have gone to land fill.

During the recent cold weather, the playing field car park became very icy and dangerous. It was agreed to purchase a new grit bin to be placed near the bottom car park, so that the salt would be easily assessible in further icy weather.

The Parish Council set a precept of £85,500 for the financial year 2023/2024. This precept equates to an increase to a band D household of £0.85p per year. The Chairman and the Parish Clerk signed the 'Precept upon Charging Authority'.

It had been agreed that the Parish Council would purchase a memorial tablet to the late Queen Elizabeth II, which would be placed in the Memorial Garden. The tablet will be in Balmoral Granite Finish, the inscription will read.

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ECC have increased their council tax by 3.5%. Essex has some very deprived areas, so ECC was keen to keep an increase as low as possible. 2% of the increase is going on Social Services, which covers things like mental health, dementia, autism, accessible transport and end of life care, although this is a very small majority of residents in Essex these services are vital.

Our County Councillor Ray Gooding is writing a letter to Essex Waste regarding the HGV lorries using the roads around the village to transport spoil from development sites in Bishop's Stortford North to locations in Essex. These lorries are using Grove Hill where they breach the weight limit and going through Ugley Green where they breach the width limit. Essex legal department will check the letter before it is sent.

The Parish Council agreed that Cllr. Gooding may cite Elsenham village as having great concerns about these HGVs. Cllr. Johnson asked Cllr. Gooding when the dangerous potholes on Hall Road near Abbotsford Bridge and Station Road were going to be repaired. To avoid the potholes drivers are swerving onto the other side of the road, which is very dangerous especially in Hall Road, which is a narrow road with blind bends. Cllr. Gooding said that the potholes in these roads had been reported to Essex County Council and had been placed on the list to be repaired. Cllr. Johnson said he hoped the repairs would be carried out soon before anyone was injured.

The next Parish Council meeting will be on Monday 6 February at 8pm in the Memorial Hall. All residents are welcome.



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DEVELOPMENT DEVELOPMENTS

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



Just in case you have forgotten over the break, developers of major housing schemes in Uttlesford now have the option of applying directly to the Planning Inspectorate (PINS). Under these provisions, the first hearing relating to our area was held on 12 December and concerned Bloor Homes' application for another 200 homes adjacent to the 350 off Henham Road, which are now noisily under construction. The format for the hearing is something of a hybrid between an application before Uttlesford District Council's Planning Committee (limited time for speakers, no cross-examination) and an Appeal before PINS (determination by a single inspector, one item on the agenda, decision released later).

The site is in Henham parish. Their Parish Council engaged a planning consultant and a traffic consultant, who made a good case in the limited time available. Henham was also represented by a doughty district councillor who presented many personal testimonies regarding the problems of access through Grove Hill. Elsenham was represented by a persistent parish councillor, who implored the inspector to bear in mind the large amount of housing approved but not yet delivered. UDC's representation was weak to the point of woeful, so much so that, in what was probably a personal first, I actually found myself sympathising with the applicants when they complained about UDC's lack of engagement over a draft S106 agreement. The great, the overwhelming, problem is that UDC does not have a Local Plan, which greatly favours developers.

Everything favours developers, really. They can appeal, for instance, if a decision of UDC's Planning Committee goes against them, whereas there is no appeal if the decision is in their favour. An application for 50 homes to the south of Bedwell Road was refused in July on the grounds of noise and air pollution from the motorway. The owners of the site put in an appeal not long before the expiry of the six-month deadline. Through the vagaries of the parish boundary the site is in Ugley parish, but it is generally accepted that the major impact would be on Elsenham. Ugley parish lacks Elsenham's extensive, if unwelcome, experience of planning applications; the two parishes combined to oppose the application and are likely to do so again.

Noise is an issue concerning the application to build 99 homes split between land off Isabel Drive and off Stansted Road, claimed to be one site in two 'parcels' because there is a path between them through Alsa Wood. It was on the Agenda for UDC's Planning Committee as long ago as 28 September but was pulled at the last minute, apparently through difficulties in satisfying the condition concerning noise. Dandara have tweaked the layout, putting some houses a bit further from the motorway by moving them to the other side of perimeter roads.

"A happy new year" to all our readers. And "Well done and keep up the good work!" to the editorial team and all those who help to keep the *Elsenham News* show on the road.



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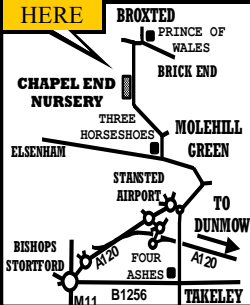
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The Christmas Tree Festival is ancient history now, but wasn't it great? "The best ever" people have been saying. So a very big "Thank You" to all who helped with the set-up, running and organisation, and an equally big "Thank You" to all who came and supported us. It raised in excess of £2,500 to help support the maintenance of the Church, but equally important it gave an enjoyable opportunity for you to demonstrate the imagination and initiative we have in our village. But we don't stop there. Our next event will be a "Beetle Drive" in the spring – date to be announced. Have you played "Beetle" before? It is a very fun game, suitable for all ages, so come along and find out.

Another date for your diary: on Tuesday 21 March we will have our AGM, at 7pm in "Old Frank's" on the High Street. Come along if you can, to hear about the Fabric Fund, what we do and to have your say in our activities. I hope to see you at our events.

Until then, thanks again, and all the best

Elsenham Community Association

Elsenham Village Café Warm Place

By Sue Waite ☎ 07956 899326

If you are wondering what a warm place is then I can explain that the ECA applied for a grant from Uttlesford to run a warm space. The Elsenham Village Café is running this every Tuesday from 12 – 4pm in the Memorial Hall. We provide a warm space where you can have a warm drink, soup and sandwiches in a relaxed environment and its all free. We provide activities to participate in if you want such as board games, cards, puzzles, crafts and lots of lovely people to chat to, if you would like to do so. If you just want a warm space to read or sit quietly then we can provide that too.

We had our first session as a Warm Place on the 3rd of January and I am happy to say it went well and we had lots of support from local people.

We are going to be in the Memorial Hall every Tuesday until the end of March and everybody is welcome to come – we all need at this time to save on our energy bills so why not do this whilst enjoying the company of others. Hope you see you there.

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Elsenham Fete - 17 June 2023

We have a fabulous village with an amazing community spirit, and it is always so good when we get together at our brilliant annual Village Fete in June.

It's important that the fete is always fun and fresh and to ensure this, having new people organising the fete is essential.

2023 will be the last year that the current team will arrange, so do you have what it takes to help organise? We are enthusiastic, organised and work well as a team and are very happy to work with new people to pass on the fete mantle.

If we don't get a new team, the Village Fete will simply cease to exist and that would be a great shame.

So go on, give us a call and have a chat and get involved this year and take it on to and for the next generation!

Don't let our Village Fete be a thing of the past.

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Gordon Barker

The family would like to thank all of those who attended Gordon's Celebration of Life service on the 8th November, and for the kind messages, cards and flowers that were received at this very difficult time. Also, thank you to those who donated to St Mary's Church Fabric Fund in Gordon's memory.



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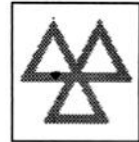
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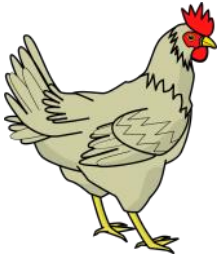
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What a fabulous summer we had, and it was great to have you staying at our wild campsite on our farm and we look forward to welcoming you back this summer!

Our beach by the river was brilliant fun especially as it was so hot, but for the time being, you need to get your wellies out because you just know it's going to be muddy. Come and enjoy the **Woodland Trail**, our **arts and crafts**, the **play area**, the **Snack Shack**, but most of all.... our **lovely animals!** We have a great variety of animals from cute bunnies and guinea pigs to our ponies and pigs and we also have sheep, goats, owls, rheas,



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A little while before Christmas, I had an interesting telephone call from an Andrew Horsford, my note of the call was a little scrawled and I'm not sure I recorded the surname correctly. My apologies if I have got it wrong.

Andrew said he remembers years ago talking to the "old boys" in the village about a stick of bombs that were dropped across Hall Road and the Croake during the war and failed to explode. It is said they were incorrectly armed when loaded on the aircraft. Bomb disposal came along and defused the four that dropped on Hall Road but were unable to find the two that landed on the Croake.

They said that the bombs had gone deep into the sand under the meadow and were lost. Bomb Disposal were to come back with better gear to locate the bombs saying they would be unlikely to explode as the meadow was only frequented by cattle. Bomb Disposal never did return so it might appear that the bombs still lie under the Croake.

A bit of a mystery then. In our archive we have a copy of a contemporary map drawn by William Butters, known as 'Buff', who was a Special Constable during the war, showing where the various bombs had dropped around the village. This supports the dropping of a string of bombs in the vicinity of the Croake but doesn't explain what happened to them.

For the peace of mind of residents around the Croake, I can report that further research revealed the existence of a document called the U.X. (Unexploded) Bombs Lists of Enemy, British & Allied Incidents. A bit of a mouthful but in effect a record of all unexploded bombs dropped on the UK. There is no record of any unexploded bombs in Elsenham, all dropped ordnance having been accounted for. The nearest reported was SE of Orford House and the report was subsequently discredited in May 1953; i.e. no bombs found.

My thanks to Chris Bush, the Gordon Barker archive, Robert Bayley and others for information in this article.

Our next meeting will take place on Wednesday 8 March and will include our AGM.

The talk that evening will be given by our very own Chris Bush and will recount the "History of Park Road". As always, visitors will be very welcome for a small fee, just two pounds. This is the first meeting of the year however so for just five pounds, you can become a member and enjoy four interesting evenings of talks through the year. We look forward to saying hello.



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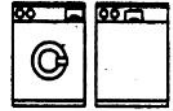
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By Linda Todd, Headteacher



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Our Food Technology curriculum encourages the children to understand the nutritional values of different foods and also provides them with the opportunity to learn and to practise the skills needed to prepare foods. In Reception they may start with cutting up fruits and learning their names whilst preparing fruit kebabs. As they move on through the school they learn to prepare a main course.

So far this term, Year 5 have made Shepherds pies and Year 4 have made vegetable tarts. Of course the best bit of all is the tasting!



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By Moyra Jackson ☎ 647351



On behalf of all our members I would like to wish you all a very happy New Year. May 2023 bring you good health, kindness and happiness.

I had hoped to tell you all about our Christmas Extravaganza – unfortunately this had to be postponed due to the snow and ice making roads and paths too dangerous to negotiate. For the first time ever, our Christmas Party is to be held in January. You can read all about it in the March Magazine.

The last meeting we had was Gin Tasting with the fabulous 'Big 7' Distillers based in The Rodings so very local to us. They have a very interesting talk on their development and formation and enlightened us all on the distilling process – and let us taste a few of their gins. A most enjoyable evening!

Our programme for 2023 has some wonderful treats in store for us – a female Shanty Band, a Pamper Evening and flower arranging to name just three.

We have two meetings this month – our annual Resolutions meeting is on Thursday 9 February where we discuss the four shortlisted campaign options, then our 'Show the Love' meeting is on Thursday 16 February. This is the meeting when we concentrate on the effects of climate change and how we can make a difference. We will have a 'Recycling Centre' and the competition will be a handmade green heart, the symbol of 'Show the Love'.



Our membership year runs from 1 April to 31 March. Now is a great time to find out what a modern WI is all about. It is a wonderful way to meet new friends and enjoy a variety of speakers, events and trips. While we are very proud of our Jam and Jerusalem traditions, Elsenham WI is so much more than that and we are always happy to dispel any stereotypes associated with the WI. Why not come along (or come back) – visitors and new members are always welcome.

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

Elsenham WI – There's a lot going on!

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Thought For The Month by *Louis Wilson*

Nearly 200 years ago, a new parish was carved out of the Scottish city of Dundee. The first minister of this brand new church – St Peter's Dundee – was a man called Robert Murray M'Cheyne. He was just 23 years old.

He preached and taught the Bible, he prayed, he visited, he innovated – pioneering a weekly prayer meeting in the church and always encouraging his congregation to pray and look for revival. He supported or set up many social and missionary projects – but had a particular concern for the Jewish people of Palestine.

In 1839, he travelled there with a delegation to see what could be done to assist the Jewish people. While he was away, news reached him that in his absence a great revival was breaking out at St Peter's.

Revival has been described as, 'A special work of God and especially his Holy Spirit by which Christians are renewed, quickened and stirred to pray and to share their faith. The Bible is always central and its preaching leads to conviction of sin and conversion.'

An eyewitness to the Dundee revival wrote: The forge became nothing to the blacksmith, nor the bench to the carpenter, nor the furrow to the ploughman.

They left everything to crowd the churches and the prayer meetings. There were nightly sermons in every church, household meetings for prayer in every street, twos and threes in earnest conversation on every road, and single wrestlers with God in the field and

glen.

After M'Cheyne's return, the revival continued, but he himself had never enjoyed great physical health. Weakened and overworked, he contracted typhus fever and died suddenly aged just 29.

A crowd of 6,000 attended his funeral as he was buried in the graveyard at St Peter's. He had a thoroughly biblical ministry and many of his writings are still in print. But his most enduring legacy is the M'Cheyne Daily Bible Reading Plan devised to enable the whole Bible to be read in a year.

He knew there were dangers to this such as formality and dry, careless reading. But he saw great benefits in cultivating the daily discipline of reading through the whole Bible in an orderly manner without passing over some parts.

The original plan takes the user through the whole Bible with the Psalms and four Gospels twice. This means four Bible chapters a day, seven days a week, 52 weeks of the year. I've done it before. One member of my family completed it in 2022, and I have decided that 2023 is the year for me to revisit it.

Like any disciplined activity, it takes a bit of effort but I remember being surprised what little burden I found it and how helpful it was (but ask me again in 6 months!). The plan and its various adaptations are easily available online (just search M'Cheyne Daily Bible Reading Plan) and you can start on any day of the year.

CHURCH EVENTS IN OUR VILLAGES FEBRUARY 2023

Church Services

Sunday 5th February

10:15 All Together Family Service,
Elsenham Village Hall

18:00 Sunday@6, Henham Church

Sunday 12th February

08:45 BCP Prayer Book Communion,
Elsenham Church

10:00 Morning Service, Ugley Church

10:15 Communion Service,
Elsenham Village Hall

11:15 Morning Service,
Henham Church

18:00 Sunday@6, Henham Church

Sunday 19th February

10:30 Joint Benefice Service,
Elsenham Church

No Sunday@6 this week

Sunday 26th February

08:45 BCP Morning Prayer,
Elsenham Church

10:00 Prayer Book Communion,
Ugley Church

10:15 Morning Service,
Elsenham Village Hall

11:15 Communion Service,
Henham Church

18:00 Sunday@6, Henham Church

Other Regular Events

St Peter's Junior Church

St Peter's, Ugley 10.00am

Sundays: 26th

Elsenham Sunday Club/Explorers

(Y1-Y6) Old Franks, Elsenham

10.15am Sundays: 26th

Henham Sunday Club/Explorers

(Reception-Y5) Church Hall, Henham

11.00am Sundays: 26th

Pathfinders (Y6-Y9)

St Mary's, Henham 6.00pm - leave

from service to meet in OSCA

Sundays: 5th & 26th

Crammin' (Y10-Y13)

St Mary's, Henham 6.00pm followed

by 7.00pm at The Church Hall,

Henham Sundays: 5th & 26th

MID-WEEK AND SATURDAY:

Start the Week with Prayer

Church Hall, Henham 9.30am

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

Seekers After School Bible Club

(Y3-Y4) Old Frank's 3.20pm

Mondays: 6th, 20th & 27th

Christian Play (Y1-Y2)

Rowan House, Elsenham 3.15pm

Tuesdays: 7th, 21st & 28th

Little Fishes Pre-School Group

Church Hall, Henham 10.15am

Thursdays: 2nd, 9th & 23rd

Little Fishes Pre-School Group

Elsenham Memorial Hall 10.00am

Fridays: 3rd, 10th & 24th

Church Lunch Club

Elsenham Memorial Hall 12.30pm

Fridays: (2nd & 4th Friday of the month):
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Afternoon Tea

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Saturday: 18th

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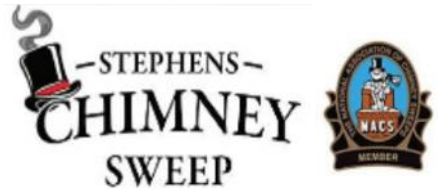
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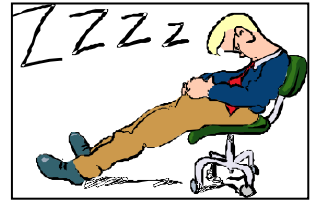


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At the end of December 1962-63 a blizzard swept across south west England and Wales. It soon affected the South East regions and Elsenham was not spared. Nobody realised that snowmen built in the early part of January would still be around in February. Where you now can find the road from Isabel Drive at the junction with the main road a massive snow drift formed. At that time there were just large fields, where newly built estates have been created. The falling snow was blown into the road.



The main road proved impassable for a couple of days, so walking to Elsenham Primary School was out of the question. The school had to close for a few days anyway. Water pipes and the outdoor "privy" toilets had frozen solid. When I eventually returned to school life my mother half walked, half-carried me down the road as the snow easily covered my wellingtons.



The snowiest snow we had ever seen. Where there had been ugliness, suddenly there was beauty, all imperfection wiped smooth. Rare climatic changes led to this extreme weather. It is not out of the question we could end up with another winter as cold as the one in 1963.

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The Start of Spring?

It's official, February 2022 was the wettest on record, no wonder its old name was February Fill Dyke. Until last year though, as well as rain we used to get hard frosts, snow and, usually, two named storms, floods and mild patches.

All last year we had “funny” weather and a very warm Autumn, despite that cold week, and a fairly warm mid-winter. This may well have brought on early flowers, to the extent that in January we had yellow dangling hazel catkins with a few left for this month, together with aconites that are past their best. Snowdrops and crocuses will be out in gardens with yellow celandines and coltsfoot decorating verges and the pale yellow primroses already coming out, unless of course we get a 10 day frost. A visit to Anglesey Abbey, a National Trust property, before the end of the month, especially for the walk through the Winter Garden followed by a stroll in the park to see the thousands of snowdrops, can be rewarding.

It is also said that February 14 is the birds' “Wedding Day” so there are some indicators that the nesting season is on the way. For instance great tits are calling their “teecher, teecher, teecheer” song letting all know their intentions. Sparrows will be checking out our row of nest boxes up on the wall, the two robins in the front will not squabble but will be feeding close to each other and male dunnocks will be singing and doing much “wing-waving” at rivals so as to claim territory. Mrs Blackbird has a beak full of grasses for lining purposes and the rook breaks off a twig and flies off towards the nest site. The wood pigeons court; he walks close behind her, bowing as he goes, until she flies off either to somewhere more private or as far away as she can get from him.

Some of our winter visitors will not breed here but are still in residence – unless of course it gets too warm for them. I don't expect to see any more redwings in our back garden as, together with some help from blackbirds, they finished off all the holly berries and the few remaining rowan berries and then moved on to another garden in Station Road. They are about the same size as our song thrush and they have a fairly similar plumage with an added orange/red “armpit” on their spotted chests and a broad cream eye stripe. Unlike our resident thrushes they move around in flocks, small or large, as do fieldfares. The latter are about as big as our mistle thrushes but their plumage has a wonderful mixture of silvery grey, chestnut brown and yellowy buff. Although they feed in flocks there has been one around the village in recent years who goes for the rotting pears on DeMandeville Green and also in our back garden. I've dubbed him “The Lone Ranger” but this year he is yet to turn up. Otherwise these two species may be off in the fields around the village on grass or crops and off to their summer grounds at the end of March. But as last year is now officially recorded as our warmest yet, who knows for next year?

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From The Parish Registers

Funerals:

Service of Thanksgiving on 29th November 2022 at Henham Church, followed by a Burial in Henham Village Cemetery, Daphne Joyce Thorn, aged 87years, formerly of Chickney Road, Henham.

Service of Thanksgiving on 7th December 2022 at Cam Valley Crematorium, Great Chesterford, Anne Ward, aged 94 years, formerly of Mountfitchet House Care Home, Stansted.

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However taking a look back at recent events our Christmas open evening on December Friday 2 December was a huge success and we would like to thank everyone that attended the station for the evening. It was fantastic to see so many of you attend and get into the Christmas spirit.

We thoroughly enjoyed meeting everyone and you will be pleased to know that we are already busy preparing our next one for 2023 so please look out in further additions for a date. Looking forward to the year ahead, the crew at Stansted are now busy supporting the community again through various roles, including conducting Home Fire Safety visits on a constant basis. We offer free home visits to any Essex resident.



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The General Meeting on 16th February is entitled “Medieval Maldon”. With busy quays, substantial housing, flourishing artisan guilds and even a royal mint in the early years, Maldon in the middle ages was a prosperous port at the mouth of the Blackwater. Local resident and amateur historian Dennis Eraut will increase our appreciation of an often overlooked small town.

Last year our membership increased by 20% so we have been encouraged to introduce several new interest groups for 2023 including “Antiques and Collectables”, “Geography”, a new “Walking” group and a “Singles Group”, a social group aimed specifically at people on their own.

The first Saturday Seminar of 2023 will be held on 25th February. Called “Old Russia to European State: a history of conflict between Ukraine”, it is timed to recognise the first anniversary of the Russian invasion of Ukraine. Historian David Morson will be exploring the relationship between Russian and Ukraine to give some insights into what lies behind this tragic conflict. Members should book their tickets from Ticket Source, £7 each although a few may be for sale at the February general meeting for members without internet access.

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Flowering snowdrops are a welcome sight in early February. Although not native to this country, these spring-flowering bulbs were planted in churchyards from the 16th century onwards. As their seeds are dispersed by ants, they have become naturalised in suitable locations such as hedgerows. Snowdrops carpet parts of Hatfield Forest and the gardens of Audley End and Easton Lodge where visitors can admire them; smaller clusters will be present in most of the churchyards around the Hundred Parishes.

Snowdrops are easily seen, but other early spring flowers will follow them as the days lengthen. Yellow-flowered primroses, winter aconites and lesser celandines appear alongside sweet violets. All these flowers produce pollen and nectar, vital food for early-foraging honeybees, queen bumblebees and other insects. Surveys of churchyards indicate they can be havens for wildflowers often supporting species which have become rare in the wider countryside.



Whilst neatly mown grass is appreciated by many, leaving vegetation uncut allows many attractive grassland plants to flower for the benefit of insects.

The Botanical Society of Britain and Ireland organises a wildflower hunt to record what is in flower at the start of the year. The aim is to record how flowers are responding to a warming climate. Enthusiasts search their local area, noting what is in flower. This year, the number of species recorded within the Hundred Parishes was much reduced, almost certainly due to the wintry weather experienced in December.



More flowers will bloom as spring advances, so I encourage you to enjoy one or more of the walks or open gardens listed on www.hundredparishes.org.uk - or visit your local churchyard. If you are able, take some photos of what is in flower to share with friends or family or post them on Facebook, perhaps on The Hundred Parishes Facebook group.

The Hundred Parishes is 450 square miles of northwest Essex, northeast Hertfordshire and southern Cambridgeshire that is largely unspoilt and is richly endowed with many fine examples of agricultural and built heritage. The area has shared a common history which shaped and preserved its distinctive landscape of small and medium-sized farms linked by winding lanes and ancient rights of way to hamlets, villages and then to small market towns. For more information visit www.hundredparishes.org.uk.



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ELSENHAM BOWLS AND SOCIAL CLUB

By Sue Waite ☎ 07956 899326



Hello everyone, happy new year to you all – hope all is going well for you so far.

The Bowls and Social Club recently had its AGM and the following people were elected/re-elected onto the committee:

Therese Clear – Secretary, Trevor Judd – Treasurer, Men's Captain – Chris Waite, Ladies' Captain – Sue Waite, Green Keeper – Chris Waite, Bar team leader – Colin Cherry. Also on the committee are Ray Franklin, Pauline Martin, Dee Morris, Jean Platt and Trevor Hackett who was re-elected as our Chair.

At the present time we still need a committee member to organise social events and we would also welcome any member who wishes to take a turn at running the bar. If you are interested then please get in touch with Therese Clear.

The Club continues to open Monday to Friday from 7 p.m.
Mondays – Pool, Tuesdays – Crib, Wednesdays – Darts, Thursdays – short mat, Fridays – Club night. If you are interested in joining any of the teams then please get in touch with our secretary, Therese Clear, and she will pass your details on to the relevant person.

We usually have a practice session of crib on a Monday night if you want to hone your skills – just turn up on the night or give me a ring 07956899326.

Elsenham Village Café still has their coffee morning every other Tuesday in the bowls club from 9.30 – 11.30 (the other Tuesday is in the Memorial Hall) and Touchpoint are at the Bowls Club every Tuesday from 9.30a.m. with lots of lovely food to give away.

Always lots going on so come and join us. See you soon.

AID FOR ROMANIA

By Richard Peake ☎ 850374

The October lorry left on October 27 and hopefully has arrived safely as it now must clear EU customs in Rotterdam. I will fly out to meet the lorry in Romania and help with the donation of aid to poor families and then prepare the charity shop with the goods for sale.

Our warehouse is now empty, and we are collecting for the April 2023 lorry. If you have any donations, please contact Richard Peake first on ☎ 850374 to arrange delivery or collection of your items. We will be collecting at 1 Hall Close, Henham during December and January.

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By Petra Studholme 📞 814667



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Tuesday evening – 7.30pm club night

Wednesday morning – 10am causal play

Thursday evening – 6.30pm group coaching (rusty racket)

Thursday evening – 7.30pm cardio tennis

Friday morning – 10am casual play

Sunday afternoon – 2pm casual play

STANSTED HALL & ELSENHAM CRICKET CLUB

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



Our new league season begins on Saturday May 6 – Coronation Day. Cricket Clubs are being encouraged by the ECB to hold a Special Event if at all possible. The 1st XI will again be playing in the Herts & Essex Border League Premier Division and the 2nd XI in Division 3. Indoor nets for the seniors has already begun at HECC on Sunday mornings.

The club held its AGM at the end of November and we are delighted that we have a new secretary, Penny Hannam, and a new Club Safeguarding Officer, Jenny Styles. Paul Findlay has become Vice Chairman as Stewart Pimblett steps down from that role. Stewart remains on the committee.

Our juniors are raring to go – let's hope that we get another good summer. With England now T50 and T20 champions surely more youngsters will want to play our exciting game? If you would like to join our club as a player or volunteer please contact me as above.

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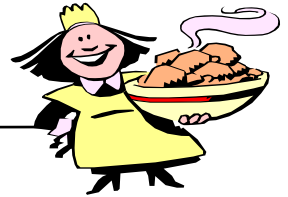
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COOKERY CORNER

By Sue Johnson ☎ 812704



The delightful colour of this tropically flavoured soup not only brings taste and cheer, but it will also warm you up on a cold wintry day.

SWEET POTATO AND RED PEPPER SOUP WITH COCONUT (serves 4)

1oz (25g) butter
1 onion, chopped
1 garlic clove, crushed
1 tablespoon ground coriander
1lb (450g) sweet potato, grated
2 red peppers, chopped
1¼ pints (700ml) vegetable stock
400g can coconut milk

Melt the butter in a large pan. Add the onion and garlic and cook over a low heat until soft.

Stir in the ground coriander and cook for 2 minutes.

Add the sweet potato and red peppers to the pan and cook for 5 minutes.

Pour over the vegetable stock and bring to the boil. Cover and simmer for 20 minutes.

Allow to cool a little and then blend until smooth.

Return to the rinsed-out pan and add the coconut milk. Heat gently until piping hot and serve.

CHEF'S RECOMMENATIONS:

If you have a food processor, use it to grate the sweet potato before cooking. You can also use your processor to blend or puree the soup once it is cooked. Try 3½ oz (100g) creamed coconut, chopped, in place of the can of coconut milk, just add an extra ¼ pint (150ml) vegetable stock. Any left-over uncooked sweet potato can be cut into skinny chips and cooked in the oven alongside your favourite roast.

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“When you think back to Christmases past, what (if anything) made it magical? Looking towards the future, what would your perfect Christmas be? What would you change? What should we all change?”

This is a beautiful, funny and soulful collection of personal essays about the meaning of Christmas, written by a unique plethora of voices from the boulevards of Hollywood to the soup kitchens of Covent Garden.

Away from the John Lewis advert, the high street decorations and the candied orange in Heston Blumenthal's Christmas pudding, this gem of a book introduced and curated by Emma Thompson and Greg Wise celebrates the importance of kindness and generosity, acceptance and tolerance - and shows us that these values are not just for Christmas. ...’ So says the blurb on the back of the book.

‘The perfect gift for anyone who loves all things Christmas ... it's a festive gem’ — *Woman & Home magazine*

Memories of Christmases Past and Hopes of Future Ones was the choice of the book group to read for December.

Dame Emma Thompson is one of the UK's most acclaimed actresses, screenwriters and activists with many awards. She is a patron of the Refugee Council and an ambassador for ActionAid, and splits her time between London and Scotland with her husband, Greg Wise. She wrote the screenplay for the film *‘Last Christmas’*, loosely based around the song by Wham! It is a story about someone learning to use their heart properly.

The film featured homelessness and refugees and with focus on growing intolerance to things that ‘darken the world’. Greg Wise was approached by his publisher for a book to tie in with the release of the film. They decided to contact some of their friends and charity workers and people with lived experience of homelessness and invite them to write a short piece about Christmas and what it meant for them.

It is an easy book to pick up and put down. Some stories are sad, some funny, some thought-provoking and by coincidence mirror the key points of the film.

The stories feature the writing of Meryl Streep, Bill Bailey, Emilia Clarke, Olivia Colman, Caitlin Moran, Richard Ayoade, Emily Watson, Graham Norton, Stephen Fry, Greg Wise, Emma Thompson and many others. Plus a donation from sales of the book, both paperback and Kindle are passed onto Crisis and The Refugee Council.

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