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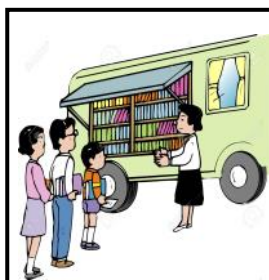
Parish Council 1st **Monday** of month 8pm (excl. Bank Holidays) Memorial Hall
Village Café Coffee 1st & 3rd **Tuesday** 9.30 - 11.30am Memorial Hall
2nd & 4th **Tuesday** 9.30 - 11.30am Bowls & Social Club
Village Café Community Hub 3rd **Tuesday** 12 - 4pm Memorial Hall
Henham & District Garden Society 1st **Tuesday** of month 2.30 - 4pm Memorial Hall
Community Choir 1st & 3rd **Tuesday** of 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
Women's Institute 3rd Thursday of month 7.45 Memorial Hall
Church Lunch Club 2nd & 4th **Friday** of month 12.30pm Memorial Hall

July 2023 diary

Mon 3	Parish Council Meeting	Memorial Hall 8pm
Tues 4 & 18	Village Café Coffee Morning	Memorial Hall 9.30 - 11.30am
Tues 4	Henham & District Garden Soc	Outing
Tues 4 & 18	Elsenham Community Choir	Village Hall 7pm
Tues 11	Elsenham Community Association Meeting	
		Memorial Hall 7.45pm
Tues 11	Life Drawing	Village Hall 7.30pm
Tues 11 and 25	Village Café Coffee Morning	Bowls and Social Club 9.30am - 11.30am
Fri 14 & 28	Church Lunch Club	Memorial Hall 12.30pm
Sat 15	Bingo	Bowls & Social Club 7.30pm
Mon 17	District Councillors' Surgery	Orwell House Station Rd Elsenham CM22 6LA 6 - 7pm
Tues 18	Village Café Community Hub	Memorial Hall 12-4pm
Thurs 20	WI	Memorial Hall 7.45pm

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	9.30-10.30am	Touchpoint Food Share	Bowls & Social Club
	4.45-5.45pm	Rainbows	Memorial Hall (term-time)
	4.45-5.45pm	Beavers Group 2	Henham Village Hall (term-time)
	6-7.15pm	Cubs	Henham Village Hall (term-time)
	6-7.30pm	Brownies	Memorial Hall (term-time)
	7.30-10.30pm	Tennis Club night	Tennis Courts
Wednesday	8pm	Fitness Yoga/Pilates	Memorial Hall
	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)
Thursday	7-9pm	Scouts	Henham Village Hall (term-time)
	6-7.15pm	Cubs	Henham Village Hall (term-time)
Friday	6.45-7.45pm	Jump Fit	Elsenham Village Hall
	10-11am	Little Fishes	Memorial Hall (term-time)
Saturday	9am-12pm	Junior Football	Playing Field
	8.45-9.30am	Little Kickers Mighty	Village Hall (term time)
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THE NEWS REPORT

From The Editors



Summer is finally here and, for a change, we actually enjoyed summer-like weather at the village fete this year!

It was a great pleasure to be able to man a stand at the fete and undertake a readers' survey, and the results were quite surprising.

Thank you to all those that took the time to answer our questions and your responses will help us formulate plans to improve Elsenham News in the future to ensure it meets the needs of our readers.

We had responses in all age ranges and it is heartening to know that 83% of our readers feel the content is relevant and 85% would miss it if it was no longer produced.

This month's front cover reflects just some of the organisations and clubs available to you as a resident of Elsenham, many of whom were also at the fete. If you are looking for something to do and become involved with, then Elsenham certainly has lots to offer you.

We hope that this month's issue is as welcome as those in the past!

We were asked about having additional regular features with humour or human interest type articles. As a volunteer publication, we can only produce what our contributors supply. If you have an idea and would like to trial something, we would be happy to hear from.

Have a lovely summer and we hope the contents of this publication help you enjoy your community in any way you choose.

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It has been an incredibly busy month. This month we have been focussing on administrative obligations.

Petrina is Leader of the Council and is organising Committee memberships and Cabinet Working Groups as well as her administrative obligations. She has attended training and information sessions with Bianca. Bianca's committee commitments this year will be Scrutiny and a substitute for Governance, Audit and Standards, alongside her usual Council work and acting as Deputy Chair of Elsenham Parish Council. As well as paid working (they do say - if you want something done - ask a busy person).

Our Community Project Grant Scheme is open for new applications, This scheme is open to properly constituted voluntary organisations or similar bodies in Uttlesford. You can apply for a grant from a minimum of £100 up to a maximum of £3,500. www.uttlesford.gov.uk/community-project-grant

Our Gardening Competition for tenants' and leaseholders is back! If you are proud of your garden, then why not enter our annual competition. Dust off your dibber and get ready to show us your petunias - our annual garden competition is back with £250 worth of prizes to be won.

www.uttlesford.gov.uk/garden-competition

Our Surgery in July will be Monday 17 July 6-7pm Orwell House Station Rd Elsenham CM22 6LA.

A reminder that we are aware that the cost-of-living crisis is causing hardship to residents who are unable to improve their circumstances in the short term while inflation outstrips income. A cost-of-living crisis fund has been set up for the 2023/2024 financial year to support Uttlesford residents who may be struggling to pay their Council Tax liability. This is available to **all** Council Tax Bands.

www.uttlesford.gov.uk/cost-of-living-support-fund

We have been asked to highlight awareness of rural properties being rented to set up cannabis farms. Please speak 100% anonymously, about any property being used as a grow house or farm to cultivate cannabis by calling 0800 555111 or online Crimestoppers.

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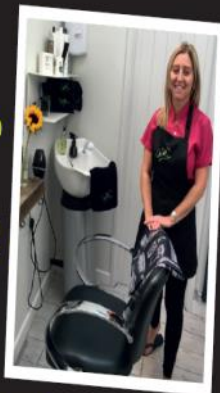
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When? Every Tuesday, 9.30am-10.30am

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If you would like to get involved and join our team of volunteers, please call 07572 114882 or email info@thetouchpoint.org

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ELSENHAM PARISH COUNCIL JUNE 2023

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



Parish Council meeting May 15

The meeting on 15 May was the Annual Parish Council meeting. Graham Mott was re-elected as Chair with Bianca Donald as Vice-Chair. New councillors Bob Burlton and returning councillor John Minor were welcomed onto the Parish Council.

After 35 years on the Parish Council Peter Johnson decided to step down. Peter's presence at meetings will be greatly missed by councillors and members of the public. Peter had a great wealth of knowledge of parish council procedures.

The appointments to committees, working groups and representatives to outside bodies, were allocated amongst the councillors and co-opted members.

The Parish Council and Elsenham Youth Football Club signed a pro-forma, giving the football Club permission to play football on the Elsenham playing field for the next ten years. This will allow the Football Club to apply for grant funding under Football Foundation Grass Pitch maintenance fund.

As Elsenham is still classed as a rural village, people wishing to use buses may put their hand out to stop the bus, the bus should stop unless it is dangerous to do so.

The potholes in and around Elsenham are a big problem. Highways have a legal obligation to repair the roads and they are failing to do so. The Parish Council has sent a letter to the Secretary of State for Transport asking that action is taken.

Parish Council meeting June 5

The Playing Field Committee are looking at purchasing a heavy-duty basketball stand and hoop to be installed on the playing field. It is hoped to obtain funding from UDC Community Project Grant Scheme, which fund-match projects such as this.

A new Environment and Climate Change Committee is to be set up. One of its main objectives will be to promote awareness and action by residents to limit climate change effects and to improve the local environment.

Due to the increase in water rates, general maintenance, hedge cutting, grass cutting and admin, the allotment fees are being increased, however they still remain far lower than our neighbouring villages allotments.

The Flowerbed Committee now have a five-year plan to make Elsenham even more beautiful. The goal is that one year Elsenham could win 'Essex Village of the year' or 'Essex in Bloom'.

The next Parish Council meeting will be Monday 3 July, 8pm in the Memorial Hall.

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DEVELOPMENT DEVELOPMENTS

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I'm sure we all know what S62A means by now, but I'll remind you anyway. It refers to the provision whereby developers can apply direct to the Planning Inspectorate for major applications, since Government has decreed that Uttlesford District Council has refused too many applications which have subsequently been allowed at appeal. The Hearing into the application to build 130 homes in the field opposite the Crown was held under this regulation on 10 May at a hotel near the Airport.

The applicants made late submission of documents shortly before the Hearing. The Parish Council objected that some notice should have been given, and that either these johnnies-come-lately should be set aside, or more time should be allowed for consideration. But the Inspector was having none of it. There had already been a long delay before the Hearing while he had an eyesight problem sorted, and he was now determined to crack on.

The new documents included 33 closely argued pages to show why the five-year housing land supply should be correctly calculated as 4.06 years rather than 4.89 years. UDC was represented at their customary level of ineptitude and had nothing to say on this - an officer was present but remained mute on this subject, no doubt in preference to the alternative of saying something. Later, UDC was ripped apart royally by the Inspector for their failure to engage properly in producing Conditions, should the application be granted. He complained that it was not until the previous day that something was submitted which showed every sign of being, in his phrase, 'hastily cobbled together'. This was incidentally an improvement, albeit of marginal dimensions, on the Hearing into the Bloor application in December when tUDC was heavily criticised for not producing anything on Conditions at all. On the later occasion, an extended lunch break to give time for discussion proved predictably inadequate, and the inevitable outcome was that further time was allowed. The agreed list of draft Conditions was not eventually published until 5 June.

Written representations had been made months before, and a limited amount of time was allowed for verbal submissions. The Parish Council emphasised those objections which do not apply to other sites in the village: the proximity of heritage assets around Elsenham Cross, the location in Stansted Airport's Countryside Protection Zone, the site being the last open space in the village, together with the cumulative impact when taken with all the other many agreed applications, as well as objections on transport grounds. Stansted Parish Council was represented by a parish councillor who is also a ward member on UDC.

Dandara are intending to start work on their scheme to build 99 new homes on two sites off Isabel Drive and off Stansted Road in July, and are seemingly unfazed by the failure to appoint ground workers. The current intention is that show homes should be available by Christmas or January, with completion of both sites expected by Autumn 2024. But developers' forecasts of progress are always optimistic.

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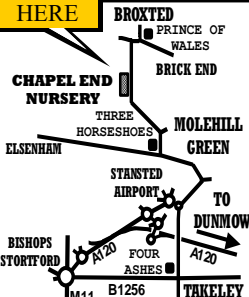
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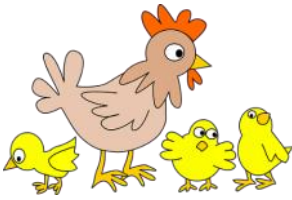


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Members of the public can now report allegations of domestic abuse via the Essex Police website; whether the person reporting is the victim themselves or they suspect someone else is suffering abuse. The option of reporting incidents by phone remains in place, this is an additional means to contact police which is equivalent to calling 101.

By selecting the 'Report' button on the www.essex.police.uk website and then 'Domestic Abuse' the person reporting will be guided through the process by a series of relevant questions. Where someone is in immediate danger the person reporting the incident will be instructed to stop and report this emergency by calling 999.

Essex Police is also asking everyone to take responsibility by:

- Stopping family and friends getting behind the wheel if they have had an alcoholic drink
- Dialing 999 if you know someone is drunk and you see them getting behind the wheel of a car
- Calling Essex Police on 0300 333 4444 to give police information about someone who regularly chooses to drink and drive
- Telling Crimestoppers anonymously about people who regularly choose to drink and drive by calling 0800 555 111 or visiting www.crimestoppers-uk.org.

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

Elsenham Action Group for Local Environmental Sustainability (E.A.G.L.E.S.) ✉ elsenhams.action@btinternet.com



We are a newly formed group whose aim is to actively promote sustainability within the Elsenham community. We have lots of ideas for actions we could take which come broadly under the headings of promoting increased biodiversity, improving recycling and re-use, and promoting sustainable energy. We would also like to find activities in which children can become involved. If you would like to join us, or to be added to our mailing list, please contact us at the email address above. We look forward to hearing from you.



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Elsenham Community Speed Watch

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How can **YOU HELP** to stop any accidents in Elsenham?

Join the

Elsenham Community Speed Watch Team

Now Summer is here, and the weather is warmer and drier, this is a good opportunity for Elsenham residents to help with road safety in our village, and in doing so, reduce any road collisions and injuries to drivers and to any pedestrians that may get caught up in an accident.

Our village is becoming a race track.

Talk is not enough – Your action is required.

To become part of this major village speed reduction plan we need lots more volunteers of all ages over 18 for the task. Why not ask your neighbours or friends, and go out together once you are fully trained, and become part of the

Elsenham Speed Watch Team.

Every driver speeding is reported to the Police. They then send a letter out to the driver, and if necessary, pay them a visit if they discover the vehicle is not legal. So, it is worth an hour of your time to reduce the speeding in the village. Full initial training will be given via Zoom, then roadside training on the use of our fully calibrated SL700 laser device (as used by the Police), then just a few hours a month operationally. **When YOU decide you are available.**

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GARDEN HINT *By Sue Johnson*

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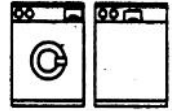
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ELSENHAM VILLAGE HISTORY SOCIETY

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

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In 1984 when there was drainage work being done at St Mary's Church several skulls and other bones were discovered adjacent to the Church's eastern window. In the Herts and Essex Observer in February 1984 there was a report on the finds with a picture of the Rev Brian Green, vicar at that time, and the man who dug up the bones. Brian Green notified Gordon Barker who went to the church to see one of the skulls. The vicar arranged for the skull to be taken away to get it dated and to find out more about it.

It went to Wicken House, Wicken Bonhunt where it stayed for some time until Gordon Barker decided it was time to find out what had happened to it. Surely the research must have been completed and Gordon was determined to get the skull returned to the Village so that it could be re-buried at St Mary's.

Eventually Gordon tracked down the location of the skull and with the help of the Conservation Officer at Uttlesford District Council it was successfully recovered, and Gordon collected it.



It was in a box packed in tissue paper and from the photograph he had, it was confirmed as being the Elsenham Skull. Gordon brought it back to the village and it has been returned to St Mary's where it has been re-interred in the churchyard.

The skull was male and thought to be

of Roman origin dating from circa 300 AD. How it came to be at St Mary's remains a mystery.

My thanks to Chris Bush and Heather Barker for the above information.

As I write this, it is just a few days from our June meeting when we will learn about the story of the Stansted Windmill from Tony Wellings, a long-time supporter of the Trust. I will share the story next time.

Looking forward to September, John Rhodes will be coming to speak to members about Sir Walter Gilbey one time Lord of the Manor of Elsenham. Many of you will be familiar with the good that Sir Walter did to improve the village but you may be less aware of his other achievements. John Rhodes has written a book about Warwick Road in Bishop's Stortford and the part Sir Walter played in making it a pleasant place to live. Come along in September to find out more about our village benefactor. All are welcome.



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ELSENHAM WOMEN'S INSTITUTE

By Moyra Jackson ☎ 647351



Our last meeting was our Annual Meeting. Our new committee was appointed for the coming year. Sue Coleman, Gloria Easton, Julie Hardy, Gill Hathaway, Lynsey Jackson, Moyra Jackson, Louise Johnson, Penny Lee, Fiona Leland, Joanne Lushey, Barbara Pether and Sue Waite were elected unanimously, and Moyra Jackson was delighted to be nominated as President. We are all looking forward to working together in the coming year.

This would appear to be the season of Annual Meetings and EWI was represented at the National Federation's Annual Meeting by four members - Gill, Gloria, Jo and Moyra had an interesting time in Cardiff. The speakers this year were Ebony Rainford-Brent, a former women's World Cup cricketer and commentator, and Professor Laura McAllister, a former international footballer and recently appointed to UEFAs Executive Committee. As always, the highlight of the trip was meeting some wonderful WI members, not just from Essex but Nationally.

Our next meeting is Thursday 20th July and is the Four Acres Wine & Cider Tasting which, I am sure will be very much enjoyed.



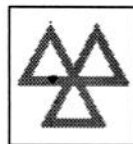
We have a wonderful programme of events this year. It is a good way to meet new friends and while we are proud to be steeped in Jam and Jerusalem traditions, Elsenham WI is so much more than that and we are always happy to dispel any stereotypes associated with the WI. Why not come along (or come back) - visitors and new members are always welcome and you can join at any time throughout the year.

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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1ST HENHAM AND ELSENHAM SCOUTS

By KATIE MOXLEY, CUBS LEADER

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The day dawns bright and warm as we head to Thriftwood Scouting campsite for a weekend of adventure. On arrival, excited leaders great each other as we prepare our camp ready for our Cubs arrival, our own children chipping in and demonstrating all they have learnt during their time in Scouting, putting up tents whilst speaking excitedly of all that is to come, exploring our glen between the trees that will be our home for the weekend.

We walk to meet our Cubs at reception where they chatter with friends, waiting excitedly to see our camp. Goodbyes are said, parents wondering how they will fare overnight, but the Cubs don't look back, walking towards camp, carrying more bags than their parents ever thought possible, already away on their adventure.

First up is an enormous climbing area, beams stretching 12 metres into the air. Faces stare up with excitement and fear as our instructor straps on harnesses. The first Cub steps forward, bravely climbing up a beam to the ropes, whilst the others cheer and encourage from below. One Cub, not sure if he is brave enough, gives it a go with the encouragement of the others, and makes it up to the first platform, so proud at the end to have achieved something he never thought possible, a big beam of a smile spreading across his face.

Later that night the campfire is lit and an impromptu performance of circus skills emerges, with Cubs performing acts they have mastered at previous meetings. Cheeks aglow in the firelight as marshmallows are toasted and hot chocolate is drunk, before we all head to our tents for some much needed sleep.

The adventures continue bright and early the next morning, with stern words of safety and encouragement spoken at axe-throwing, followed by delighted cheers as axes hit targets! Then onto water zorbing with peals of laughter ringing out across the lake as we tumble and fall over the water trying to stay upright in our inflatable balls.

We send the Cubs home on Sunday, watching them walk into the distance, full of tales of their adventures, exhausted happy faces smiling up at parents, arms around shoulders. We are so proud of all they have achieved. This is the power of Scouting. Talk turns to our next camp as we pack up and how we can't wait to do it all again.



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Thought For The Month by *Louis Wilson*

I recently took a wedding for a delightful couple in a neighbouring Essex benefice which is without a Vicar. In case they were at a loose end on honeymoon, I recommended they read a book on Christian marriage called *On Marriage* written by Tim Keller and his wife Kathy.

I suggested this because I have often found Tim Keller to be one of the clearest and most insightful pastors you can read. I was therefore very saddened to hear that he died just a few weeks ago aged 72. A cursory glance at my bookcase reveals at least six or seven books all of which I have read, and all of which I have found extremely influential.

In 1989, he moved to Manhattan and founded Redeemer Presbyterian Church. Then came a formidably fruitful quarter-century in New York City. Someone has commented: Many preachers have built megachurches; relatively few have done so with conversion growth in a highly secular and urban environment steeped in biblical illiteracy.

Probably the most important Tim Keller book I've read is *The Prodigal God*, which is an explanation of one of Jesus' best known but least understood stories, the parable of the prodigal son. The word prodigal means recklessly extravagant. The younger son in the story is recklessly extravagant with his father's estate and yet his father delights to forgive and restore this son: a picture of how God the Father treats us.

What is often overlooked however is that the father in the story has two sons. On the surface the older son's behaviour is exemplary: where the younger son squandered his father's money in wild living, the older son worked dutifully in his father's fields. But where the younger son was lost in self-indulgence, it turns out that the older son was equally lost - but in self-righteousness.

It is such a reminder, actually a warning that however good we are, however hard we work, however many rules we keep, whatever our appearance, without recklessly extravagant grace, we're all lost. And in Christ, recklessly extravagant or prodigal grace is what God offers us.

All this and more is what Tim Keller helped me see and for which I am very thankful.

Let me finish with a quotation which I found from him on The Gospel Coalition (TGC) website (a coalition he helped to found):

"The gospel is that I am so sinful that Jesus had to die for me, yet so loved and valued that Jesus was glad to die for me. This leads to deep humility and deep confidence at the same time. I can't feel superior to anyone, and yet I have nothing to prove to anyone."

Tim Keller (1950-2023)

With best wishes,

Louis

CHURCH EVENTS IN OUR VILLAGES JULY 2023

Church Services

Sunday 2nd July

- 10:15** All Together All Age Service,
Elsenham Village Hall
18:00 Sunday@6, Henham Church

Sunday 9th July

- 08:45** Prayer Book Holy Communion,
Elsenham Church
10:00 Morning Service, Ugley Church
10:15 Holy Communion,
Elsenham Village Hall
11:15 Morning Service,
Henham Church
18:00 Sunday@6, Henham Church

Sunday 16th July

- 08:45** Prayer Book Morning Prayer,
Elsenham Church
10:00 Prayer Book Communion,
Ugley Church
10:15 Morning Service,
Elsenham Village Hall
11:15 Holy Communion,
Henham Church
18:00 Sunday@6, Henham Church

Sunday 23rd July

- 08:45** Prayer Book Morning Prayer,
Elsenham Church
10:00 Morning Service, Ugley Church
10:15 Morning Service,
Elsenham Village Hall
11:15 Morning Service,
Henham Church
18:00 Sunday@6 Communion,
Henham Church

Sunday 30th July

- 08:45** Prayer Book Morning Prayer,
Elsenham Church
10:00 Morning Service, Ugley Church
10:15 Morning Service,
Elsenham Village Hall
11:15 Morning Service,
Henham Church
18:00 Sunday@6, Henham Church

Other Regular Events

SUNDAYS:

St Peter's Junior Church

St Peter's, Ugley 10.00am

Sundays: 9th & 16th

Elsenham Sunday Club/Explorers

(Y1-Y6) Old Frank's, Elsenham

10.15am Sundays: 9th & 16th

Henham Sunday Club/Explorers

(Reception-Y5) Church Hall,

Henham 11.00am Sundays: 9th & 16th

Pathfinders (Y6-Y9)

St Mary's, Henham 6.00pm - leave

from service to meet in OSCA

Sundays: 2nd, 9th & 16th

Crammin' (Y10-Y13)

St Mary's, Henham 6.00pm followed

by 7.00pm at The Church Hall,

Henham Sundays: 2nd, 9th & 16th

MID-WEEK AND SATURDAY:

Start the Week with Prayer

Church Hall, Henham 9.30am

Mondays: 3rd, 10th, 17th, 24th & 31st

Seekers After School Bible Club

(Y3-Y4) Old Frank's 3.20pm

Mondays: 3rd & 10th

Christian Play (Y1-Y2)

Rowan House, Elsenham 3.15pm

Tuesdays: 4th & 11th

Little Fishes Pre-School Group

Church Hall, Henham 10.15am

Thursday: 6th

Little Fishes Pre-School Group

Elsenham Memorial Hall 10.00am

Fridays: 7th, 14th & 21st

Church Lunch Club

Elsenham Memorial Hall 12.30pm

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

Afternoon Tea

OSCA, Henham 2.00pm

Saturday: 15th

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Based in Elsenham, the band, **13 echoes**, needs support with a social media campaign. Following an initial push, the promotion campaign needs regular management for the next few months; creating posts on social media, (Facebook, Instagram, YouTube, Tik Tok, Twitter etc), administering a website, video editing, uploading music and videos to streaming sites.

Knowledge of social media applications is essential. You don't need to be a musician but an interest in media software and campaigns would be helpful.

You would be working with us using our equipment (phone and laptop). We envisage 5-6 hours per week, which can be spread flexibly over the week, maybe more, maybe less (depending on your time and skills). We have a plan but are open to creative ideas. Pay rate to be negotiated based on your experience but we would pay at least the living wage per hour.

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MANUDEN GIRL GUIDES

*By your local aspiring Rangers, Mary, Danielle,
Holly, Lily and Poppy*



At Manuden Guides a few of us have managed to finish our Gold awards, but still want to continue in the Girlguiding movement in Manuden. That is why we are hoping to start Manuden's brand new Ranger unit. However, to fulfil this we would like to invite girls aged 14 to 18 to join our Ranger unit. You don't need to have been to Rainbows, Brownies or Guides, or have any Girlguiding experience to join.

We plan to meet at Manuden Village Community Centre on Tuesday evenings from 7 to 8.30pm.

Rangers is a chance to build your confidence, make new friends, develop important skills and be part of a team. At Rangers we would participate in fun activities and do interesting badges; we would have a lot of independence and be able to choose what we want to do. Also, we'll go on exciting trips and lots of adventures. Some benefits of joining Rangers are having the opportunity to voice and develop your opinions with girls your own age and to learn how to make change and take action. We focus on a lot of subjects like human rights, environmental issues and our views on society. Additionally, it can be helpful to add to college applications, but it is even better to add it to your list of amazing memories.

If you are interested please contact Glynis Prothero at ✉ glynisprothero@aol.com, ☎ 01279 814145 or ☎ 07835717942

From The Parish Registers

Wedding:

At St Mary's Church, Elsenham on 17th June 2023, the marriage of Leanne Andrews and Nicholas Barker.

Funeral:

A Service of Thanksgiving on 20th June 2023 at Henham Church, followed by a burial in the churchyard, Muriel Patricia Wright, formerly of Alsa Leys, Elsenham.

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NATURAL OUTLOOK ON JUNE

By Heather Salvidge 📧 814153



Very difficult to say what July will be like this summer: In 2019 a cold wind quickly gave way to rising temperatures, a mini heatwave started in week four, up to 34.5 °C in the air but hotter in the garden. Three days of cold rain but saw the month out warm. 2020 was “damp” at times, had a few hot days, several nights of heavy rain, a storm or two but warmed up signally on the way out. 2021 had a good share of downpours, and thunderstorms after a cold wind. It then warmed up to 25 °C, hotter in our garden. Last year, however, was different. There was an official heat wave starting in late June and going on till August with one night in Yorkshire staying at 25.9 °C and daytime temperatures *much* higher.

So not the best year for butterflies but looking at records we might see, around the village some of these; large whites, yellow brimstones, late brood orange tips, commas, gatekeepers, peacocks, common blues, meadow browns, red admirals, small tortoiseshells, ringlets, small coppers, small heaths, and possibly a marbled white and others e.g. speckled woods in Alsa Wood and the Aubrey Buxton reserve. Most of the others can be seen along our internal roads or local footpaths.

We also have day-flying moths; the very small, small purple and gold, the larger elephant hawk moth, the humming bird hawk moth, the yellow shell and lots of various small beige moths. The cinnabar moth which has deep crimson and slate grey markings lay their eggs on yellow ragwort. Their caterpillars have black and yellow bands and chomp their way through this poisonous plant, sometimes down to the ground. If you don't know any of these and don't have a reference book either, make a note and check it out at home, or, if you have your phone with you, take a photo and look it up.

Birds are busy raising families; swifts, swallows and house martins are seen flying overhead, catching insects on the wing which by now will be fed to chicks in nests. I think there are swifts, the largest, darkest of these three species, still nesting in central Elsenham but the swallows and house martins have moved further away to some of our ‘outskirts’. The swifts scythe through the air calling out ‘news, news’. They land only when needing to attend at the nest and even sleep on the wing, keeping one eye closed at a time. Then suddenly there is a flock of them as their chicks have fledged and they are flying with other swifts and also swallows and martins. Swallows have long tails, steely blue plumage, pale chests and dull red faces. House martins have shorter wings, pale underparts and a white rump with black upper parts. I haven't been to the sand pit lately to see if the sand martins still breed in nest holes in the sand cliff. These rather chunkier martins have white underparts and bib, divided by a brown collar, brown upper parts, and shorter tails.

If it does get hot with little rain, putting water out for the birds can be a great help.

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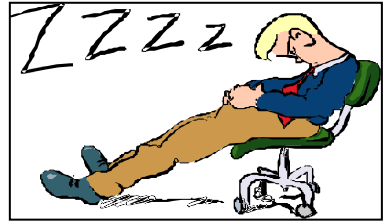
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The Walled Garden - Elsenham Hall

Len Harling lived a few doors from me. He was possibly the last, or at least one of the last, gardeners who worked at Elsenham Hall. I have seen a photo of him tending a grape vine which at one time grew within the Walled Garden. My friendship with the late Alan Bennett, affectionately known as "Benjamin," would allow me to go on "Adventures" around Elsenham Hall Estate.

Sir Walter Gilbey, "The Guvnor," was the last person to use the hall as one complete dwelling. He moved there in 1878. It now has been broken-up into flats. When Alan's dad was the caretaker and lived in the Caretakers Cottage, Elsenham Hall was almost derelict with just a handful of tenants. I would explore the hall and the surrounding gardens. It was during one of these outings in the early 1960s, that I would explore the Walled Garden.

The garden was very much a shadow of its former self. It once had four heated green houses, cold frames and a medium sized garden shed. There were once a number of fruit trees and the aforementioned grape vines. If my memory serves me correctly there were the remains of two large beds and a central pathway. Together with the vegetables and fruit from these the hall estate had two acres of fruit trees mainly plum and apple. Too much was produced for the hall kitchen requirements. That is why Sir Walter Gilbey's thoughts turned to producing jam - Elsenham Jam!

He is quoted as saying, "There is now no need for me to make money, but I like the estate turned to its best advantage and I do not believe in working at anything for nothing." Ever the entrepreneur, he could see a way to turn the harvest into a commodity. So this was the birth of the "Elsenham Jam Factory."

In 1993, the Elsenham allotments moved into the Walled Garden. They are still there today having been joined by more in Elsenham Vale.

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By the time you read this article the Village Fete will have been and gone and for many of you I guess your thoughts will now be on forthcoming summer holidays.

I used to have an uncle who lived in Henham, who used to say “What do you want to go on holiday for.” There are places in Henham I have yet to visit.

I was thinking about this the other day and my thoughts lead on to; I wonder how many people in the village have not yet visited our Church at St.Mary's, let alone know where it is situated. This wonderful Church is the oldest and by far the most important building in the parish of Elsenham. For over nine hundred years people have worshipped here.

Our next Fund raising event will be an Art Exhibition to be held at St.Mary's Church in the Autumn. So why not make every effort to come along and see the talent of local artists. A great opportunity to buy a nice picture for your home and have a chance to see our beautiful church. The date for this event will now be published next month.

In the mean time have a great Summer and stay safe.

ELSENHAM FLOWER SHOW SOCIETY

By Sue Johnson ☎ 812704



Plant sale 2023

We are delighted to report that takings from last month's plant sale exceeded £1,100. The funds will go towards staging the Elsenham Village Flower Show which takes place on Saturday 19 August. The Society is very much indebted to the kind friends who had grown plants and donated them for the sale, as well as all those who came along to support us by buying plants.

A comprehensive plant list was advertised via Facebook the week before the date of the sale, so anyone wishing to make sure of availability could order plants in advance. The orders were then made up before the sale to be ready for customers on the day. Surplus plants were available to anyone coming along to pick up their advance orders, as well as for customers turning up on the day. Business was buzzing, giving Committee members an extremely busy time.

Elsenham Flower Show - Saturday 19 August – put the date in the diary!

The Flower Show schedule will be repeated in the centre pages of the August Elsenham News, together with rules and entry forms. Watch out for next month's village magazine.

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The choir was formed just over 8 years ago by Musical Director Josie Cowley and is going from strength to strength, singing in cathedrals as well as performing fund-raising concerts locally. For more information about the choir visit their website at www.theharmonaireschoir.com

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By Ken McDonald, Secretary ✉ www.hundredparishes.org.uk



Conservation Areas were introduced in 1967. District councils are responsible for designating them. The area must have

special architectural and/or historic importance that merits protection. The aim is to protect an area rather than single buildings. Within each Conservation Area, there will generally be individual buildings that have additional protection, classified as Listed Buildings. There may also be a Scheduled Monument, or trees with a Tree Preservation Order, or buildings or spaces that have been designated as Assets of Community Value. There are varying



degrees of protection for each of these designations, all aimed at preserving our heritage for future generations.

Uttlesford District Council covers around half of the Hundred Parishes area. The Council has designated 33 Conservation Areas. For each, it has published an appraisal that defines the area covered and explains the reasons for designation. (see www.uttlesford.gov.uk/conservation-area-appraisals). These appraisals are often a helpful source for the kind of information provided in the route descriptions for walks that can be downloaded from www.hundredparishes.org.uk.



East Hertfordshire has the second biggest representation within the Hundred Parishes and this district council has designated 26 Conservation Areas here. Their appraisals are also available and provide valuable insight. (see www.eastherts.gov.uk/planning-and-building/conservation-areas).

Similar appraisals are available from the other district councils which are represented within the Hundred Parishes: South Cambridgeshire, Braintree, North Herts, Chelmsford and Epping Forest. Within South Cambs, Linton has the only “Outstanding Conservation Area” designation, including Linton’s long High Street and some lanes on either side. Much of this area is explored on Walk 182 whose route covers less than 2 miles.



Our towns and villages are usually best explored on foot and each is included in at least one of the Hundred Parishes routes. If you are able to get out and about, I encourage you to try them.

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



I am happy to report that our bowls green, after much tining, scarifying and cutting, is running beautifully fast with lovely true lines, which hopefully allow the bowls to finish right on the jack where they might remain for a time before being knocked off by the opposition, but hey ho that's the game.

The weather has been kind to bowling so far with games being able to be played. Thinking back to last year when games were cancelled, not because of the rain but the burning heat, and bowls clubs do not have shade generally, leads me to ask if anyone out there has any parasol bases or umbrellas they no longer want. If this is the case, then the Bowls Club would gladly accept them. Let me know and I will arrange pick up. Many thanks.

We held our Open Day in June. Thank you to Russell's Estate Agents for putting up advertising boards for us. We have a few new people who have taken up the option of having some coaching from Do and Trevor Hackett and hopefully they will decide to join us as bowling members.

We have had a few friendly matches at weekends with Much Hadham, Danbury, Standon and Puckeridge. A big thank you to the club members who sign up for these games as I know weekends are busy with lots going on.

There are other things going on in the Bowls Club apart from bowling, Knit and Natter night once a month on a Monday, Coffee Morning run by the Elsenham Village Café every other Tuesday (the other Tuesday we are in the Memorial Hall). Food Share every Tuesday from 9.30, quizzes, bingo and darts. Or you can just come up to the club and have a drink and a chat.

STANSTED HALL & ELSENHAM CRICKET CLUB

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



At last, the sun is shining. The 1st XI had their first league match cancelled and were then defeated by a strong Farnham team. Since then, three wins have elevated the team into fifth position in the HEBL Premier Division. The wins include beating last year's champions, Matching Green, and a successful run chase of 287 against Bishop's Stortford 3rd XI. The 2nd XI has had four good wins and are top of HEBL Division 3. In total a lot of runs were scored.

The junior section had four of the first five weeks cancelled due to the weather but are now under way. Plenty of matches at all age groups at both grounds. The club will be running a 'Summer Camp' during the summer holiday with the dates to be confirmed.

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ELSENHAM TENNIS CLUB

By Petra Studholme ☎814667



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

Yep, we kept our prices the same to make sure everyone can enjoy tennis at very reasonable rates.

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

Essex Small Club League matches – play is under way and we will report shortly for the Men's and Mixed.

Coaching – individual and group sessions

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

Hire our courts – open to non-members

Hire our courts to play with friends and family - £3 per adult, and 50p for under 18s. You can email us or message on Facebook for availabilities, but please, if possible, give us 24hrs notice as we need to arrange to open the courts for you.

Weekly schedule (some open to non-members)

Tuesday evening – 6.30pm cardio tennis (non-members welcome)

Tuesday evening – 7.30pm club night

Wednesday morning – 10am casual play

Thursday evening – 6.30pm cardio tennis (non-members welcome)

Thursday evening – 7.30pm team practice sessions

Friday morning – 10am casual play

Sunday afternoon – 2pm casual play

JULY AT U3A STANSTED

Eileen Quinn ☎ 07874 385541 ✉ stanstedu3a@gmail.com



At our July meeting Ray Newman will tell us about the work of a real UK Cold Case Team. Ray, a former DCI, following retirement became one of the founding members of the Essex Police Major Crime Review Team, which investigated a number of then unsolved murders and missing person cases.

There will be a lighter topic in August - Charity Shops.

All our free Monthly Meetings are held on the third Thursday of the month, at St John's Church Hall 1.30pm for 2.00pm. Free tea and coffee will be served. If you are a prospective new member, please come along and introduce yourself to one of the committee members and you will be made very welcome.

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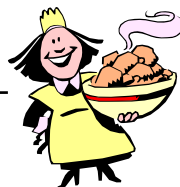
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COOKERY CORNER

By Sue Johnson 🍴 812704



This deliciously easy dessert can be made in advance and kept in the fridge for three days. Don't worry if you haven't a slow cooker, see below for oven method.

RASPBERRY SLOW COOKER CRÈME BRÛLÉES (makes 6)

600ml double cream
1 teaspoon vanilla bean paste
6 egg yolks
4oz (100g) caster sugar
4oz (100g) fresh or frozen raspberries
2 tablespoons brown sugar

Bring the cream and vanilla just to a simmer in a saucepan over medium heat.

Use an electric mixer to whisk the egg yolks and caster sugar in a large bowl until pale and creamy. Gradually add the hot cream to the egg yolk mixture, stirring well after each addition.

Divide the raspberries evenly among six 5 fl oz (160ml) ramekin dishes. Pour the custard mixture over the raspberries.

Place the ramekins in a large slow cooker. Carefully pour boiling water into the slow cooker to come halfway up the sides of the ramekins. Cover with baking paper to help absorb any condensation. Cover with slow cooker lid and cook for 2 hours on low or until the custard has just set.

Carefully remove ramekins from slow cooker. Set aside to cool for 30 minutes. Place in the fridge for 3 hours to chill.

Preheat grill on high. Sprinkle the brown sugar evenly over the top of each ramekin. Place under grill for 1 minute or until the sugar dissolves and caramelises. Alternatively, use a kitchen blowtorch to caramelize the sugar.

CHEF'S RECOMMENDATIONS:

Before you start, check that the ramekins will fit into the slow cooker. If yours is too small, cook in two batches. You can substitute vanilla essence for vanilla paste (or a pod, which will need to be removed before pouring the custard into the ramekins).

If you don't have a slow cooker, place the ramekins in a roasting tin. Pour enough boiling water into the pan to reach halfway up the sides of the ramekins. Bake at 150°C/130°/Gas mark 2 for 25-30 minutes or until just set. Cool, chill and caramelize as above.

Freeze your leftover egg whites – they can be used to make pavlova or meringues next time you need a dessert.

AID FOR ROMANIA

By Richard Peake ☎ 850374

The April lorry for Romania left on the 26th and arrived after a five day journey.

Some of the goods were given free to nearly 40 needy families in Mărășești (not far from the border with Ukraine) as nominated by the local Baptist church and others by the town Mayor, with other items being sold through our charity shop with proceeds helping the same poor sections of the population with health, education and improving their terrible housing conditions.

Our warehouse is now waiting to be filled for the October lorry. We are now wanting winter clothes and shoes for adults and children (those for under 3 years must be new). Single and Z-beds with mattresses (sturdy iron or wooden framed beds are very desirable - no divans please). Cushions, bed sheets, pillows, duvets and blankets (single and double), towels, toiletries (incl loo rolls), umbrellas and rugs (no carpet offcuts). Building and workshop tools (also gardening tools and sturdy wheelbarrows) and a sack barrow. Surplus school tables (must be 2ft clearance underneath i.e not infant) and stackable adult size chairs (please ask any contact with a local school or village hall who are/maybe refurbishing). Sturdy chest of drawers (not flat pack built as these do not survive the 5-day truck journey), bedside cabinets, kitchen/dining tables (either drop-leaf or removable legs). I am short of bicycles, irons and boards as well as air driers for laundry. Kitchen items (crockery, cutlery, utensils, pots/pans – especially large sizes eg preserving pans). Wheelchairs, crutches, walking sticks and Zimmer frames. Bandages and dressings, but please no pills, medicines or creams. Rucksacks and holdalls (must be in good condition). Other items such as costume jewellery, footballs and ear defenders for the manual workers and high-viz vests/jackets. Small toys such as push-along cars, cuddly soft toys etc (no big toys as these can cause a lot of jealousy!). Christmas trees and decorations etc. Cash donations for the cost of the lorry as it now costs more to send since we must now also clear customs in Rotterdam.

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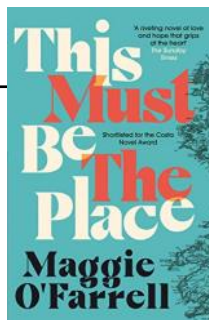


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THIS MUST BE THE PLACE by Maggie O'Farrell
Reviewed by Marion Giles for Elsenham Book Group



'A reclusive ex-film star living in the wilds of Ireland, Claudette Wells is a woman whose first instinct, when a stranger approaches her home, is to reach for her shotgun. Why is she so fiercely protective of her family, and what made her walk out of her cinematic career when she had the whole world at her feet?

Her husband Daniel, reeling from a discovery about a woman he last saw twenty years ago, is about to make an exit of his own. It is a journey that will send him off-course, far away from the life he and Claudette have made together. Will their love for one another be enough to bring Daniel back home? . . .' So says the blurb on the back of the book.

'A complex, riveting novel of love and hope that grips at the heart' *The Sunday Times*

This must be the place was this month's choice for the book group.

The book has 483 pages which is split into about 25 chapters, each focusing on one character - the chapters move around in time, backwards and forwards. The characters are all linked with the connections being made very clear. The main list of characters are Claudette Wells, Daniel Sullivan - Claudette's son, Ari, Daniel's son Niall and daughter Phoebe, from his first marriage and the two children Claudette and Daniel have together, Maeve and Calvin.

Each chapter provides more information in the way of an ever expanding jigsaw. The plot covers many decades and gets more complex before it starts to give away some answers. It is not a linear story although it does start to become more chronological towards the conclusion. The chapters have different structures, some in the third person and some in the first person and one as a series of auction items.

As it says in the blurb, Claudette has decided to turn her back on the film world - we hear from Claudette how she came to be in the film world. Some of the factors that illustrate the 'end' of that career are show through a series of auction items - so we can understand the press intrusion, disillusionment and the breakdown of her relationship with Timou, her mentor and Ari's father.

We meet Daniel when he is already married to Claudette and is off back to America for a family reason. On route he hears a radio programme that starts him on a different journey to the one he planned. Therefore, his backstory is told through a series of chapters that tells us his history.

We also meet some other characters, their mothers and brothers and friends they have met along the way. An entertaining read told in a surprising way.

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