Elsenham News





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July 2025

Elsenham Village Regular Monthly or Quarterly Activities

Parish Council 1st **Monday** of month 7.45pm (excl. Bank Holidays) Memorial Hall Natter Night 2nd **Monday** of month 7-9pm Golf World Stansted Elsenham EAGLES 4th **Monday** of month 7.30-9pm Bowls and Social Club Henham & District Garden Soc. 1st **Tuesday** of month 2 for 2.30pm Memorial Hall Community Choir 1st & 3rd **Tuesday** of month 7- 8.30pm Village Hall Life Drawing 2nd and 4th **Tuesday** of month 7.30-9.30pm Village Hall Village History Society 2nd **Wednesday** of month quarterly 7.45pm Memorial Hall Women's Institute 3rd **Thursday** of month 7.45pm Memorial Hall Church Lunch Club 2nd & 4th **Friday** of month 12.30pm Memorial Hall

July 2025 diary

Tues 1 Henham & District Garden Society outing		
Tues 1 & 15	Elsenham Community Choir	Village Hall 7pm
Thurs 3 & 17	Community Supermarket	Memorial Hall o/s 1.30-3.30pm
Sat 5	Charity Quiz night	Bowls & Social Club 7.30pm
Sun 6	Tennis Club Open Day	Tennis Club 2-4.30pm
Mon 7	Parish Council Meeting	Memorial Hall 7.45pm
Tues 8 & 22	Life Drawing	Village Hall 7.30pm
Thurs 10	ECA General Meeting	Memorial Hall 7.45pm
Fri 11 & 25	Church Lunch Club	Memorial Hall 12.30pm
Sat 12	Music night - 60s Disco	Bowls & Social Club 7.30 for 8pm
Mon 14	Natter Night	Golf World Stansted 7-9pm
Thurs 17	District Councillors' Surgery	Memorial Hall 1-2.30pm
Thurs 17	WI	Memorial Hall 7.45pm
Sat 19 / Sun 20	Vintage/Retro Exhibition	St Mary's Church 10.30am-5pm
Sat 26	Famers' Market	Village Hall 12.30-2.30pm
Sat 26	Bingo	Bowls & Social Club 7.30 for 8pm
Mon 28	Elsenham Eagles	Bowls & Social Club 7.15pm



Mobile Library Every third Saturday stopping at Glebe End 9.30am to 10am Next visit: 5 & 26 July

Elsenham Village Regular Weekly Activities

Day	Time	Activity	Location
	9.30-10.30am	Zumba	Memorial Hall
	10.30-11.30am	Health walk	Start at De Mandeville Green
	4-4.30pm	Rascals (3-4yrs)	Memorial Hall (term time)
Monday	4.30-5.30pm	Rascals (5-7yrs)	Memorial Hall (term time)
	5.30-7pm	Rascals (8-12yrs)	Memorial Hall (term time)
	7-7.45pm	Pilates	Elsenham Village Hall
	7.30-8.30pm	Shape to the beat	Memorial Hall (not 1st Monday)
	9.30-10.15am	Touchpoint Food Share	Bowls & Social Club
	9.30-11.30am	Village Café Coffee	Memorial Hall
	4.45-5.45pm	Rainbows	Memorial Hall (term-time)
Tuesday	4.45-5.45pm	Beavers	Ugley Village Hall (term-time)
raceacy	6-7.15pm	Cubs (Wolf Pack)	Ugley 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
	9.45-11.30	Tots and Toddlers	Memorial Hall
Wednesday	5.30-7pm	Slimming World	Memorial Hall
	6.30-7.15pm	Women's strength and Mobility	Village Hall
	7-9pm	Scouts	Ugley Village Hall (term-time)
	7.30pm	Aerobics	Elsenham Village Hall
	9.30-11.05am	Teddy Bear Music	Memorial Hall (term-time)
Thursday	6-7.15pm	Cubs (Bear Pack)	Ugley Village Hall (term-time)
	6.45-7.45pm	Jump Fit	Elsenham Village Hall
Friday	10-11am	Little Fishes	Memorial Hall (term-time)
Saturday	8.30am-noon	Tarte au Citroen	Playing Field
	8.15am-1pm	Youth boys & girls football	Playing Field
	9-10am	Dance Scene	Memorial Hall
	8.45-9.30am	Little Kickers Mighty	Village Hall (term time)
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THE NEWS REPORT From The Editors

Welcome to the first online only issue of Elsenham News.



Throughout the issue you will find the usual news and activities for the various clubs and organisations associated with the village and you can now see the pictures supplied in colour!

In future we hope to develop more features to help you enjoy Elsenham News even more. These will include things like click to automatically enlarge pictures, so you can see the content even more clearly. There will be hyperlinks to take you to the website of the organisation you are reading about. Many of these links are working now, so give it a try! Where a website forms part of a purpose made advert (for example) this may not be possible, but where they are included as standard text format it should work now.

Other future features will be a dedicated site for the magazine allowing you to automatically 'flip' over to the next page.

We will be looking at ideas like an advertisers' listing by service. This will allow you to select a service you are looking for and then click on advertiser's name and it will take you to their advert. This will make your search for services so much easier.

As well as the planned improvements, we will be monitoring readership levels to ensure we are reaching as many people as possible. This will guide us to take action if we believe we need to do more promotional work to reach our wider audience.

We trust you enjoy the first issue and look forward to bringing you even more enjoyment in the future.

The Editorial Team

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ELSENHAM PARISH COUNCIL MEETING 2 JUNE

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



Cllr Mott explained where matters stand with the Matthew Homes planning application in Robin Hood Road. Outline approval for 40 dwellings off Robin Hood Road, has been agreed, the application will be going ahead. Uttlesford Planning Officers had been expecting a detailed plan to be submitted in April, this did not materialise. It is now expected in July. Once the detailed planning application has been agreed the developer must start the development within two years.

The first hearing of the Local Plan is 10 June. The main thing regarding the Local Plan for Elsenham is, as it stated explicitly in Regulation 18, that there would be no more allocations to Elsenham, because Elsenham had already had over 1,500 new houses. Yet, in Regulation 19 there is a proposal for 110 dwellings, plus educational provision, in Henham close to the Elsenham parish boundary. It is however, to be regarded as within Elsenham. This is because UDC has changed the classification, areas are now considered as settlements not parishes. Henham Parish Council have engaged a barrister to speak at the hearing against the 110 new houses on the Bloor Phase 3 site. Cllr. Mott has also asked to speak at the hearing.

Elsenham Parish Council has still not received the Police Community Support Officer's legal agreement from UDC. This document should have been signed by the Parish Council before 1 April. So, the Parish Council still do not know when the PCSO should be patrolling the village, the hours and the cost.

Essex County Cllr. Ray Gooding was under fire at the meeting regarding the road closures around the village. Councillors told him that residents are sick and tired of road closures, enough is enough. The Parish Council had sent a letter to Cllr. Tom Cunnigham, Cabinet Member for Highways, Infrastructure and Sustainable Transport, saying how frustrated Elsenham residents are about the road closures. An acknowledgment had been received on 1 May saying a further reply will be sent soon. No further reply has been received. Cllr. Gooding said he would speak to Cllr. Cunningham.

The Parish Council asked if Essex Highways could cut back some of the trees and hedges that are currently overhanging the pavements in the village. The worse places are between The Croft and De Mandeville Road and the bridge on the High Street. Cllr. Gooding said he would try to help. The hedges in Station Road were always cut twice a year but due to money restraints now only once a year. It is the same with the public footpaths. Many are overgrown and will soon become impassable. In the past Highways cut them back three times per year, then reduced to twice a year and now only carried out in July.

The next Parish Council meeting is 7 July in The Memorial Hall at 7.45pm.



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DEVELOPMENT DEVELOPMENTS

By Graham Mott 🕾 812516 🖂 motts@grahammott.plus.com



There is news that not one but two developments are in the offing which should create new employment possibilities. At the roundabout on Hall Road which gives access to the Golf Club on the left, there is a development on the right comprising various offices and light industrial undertakings. More than a dozen years ago, approval was given for an ambitious new scheme to erect three multi-storey office blocks, of 7, 6 and 5 storeys, together with a vast underground car park. A large hole was dug. Whether all the money was lost in the the large hole, or whether it was feared that towers of the height proposed would interfere with aircraft, or whether it was realised that, actually, demand for office space is not really that great, is not known; but the large hole was as far as it went. There was also a small cafe which might have fitted into the large hole many times over, but business did not thrive and it remained closed after the pandemic.

The idea behind the totally new scheme is that it would surround the existing development on three sides, and start by filling in the large hole. It would extend to the west as far as the existing road which leaves the roundabout to the south, and that route would be the only access - the present junction of Green Street with Hall Road would be blocked off, on the grounds of limited visibility. The illustrative plan shows as many as 22 units, of varying heights and sizes. High-tech companies are expected, together with small regional and local businesses, some related to the Airport; potential usages include light industrial, warehouses, R&D and some offices. The public consultation on the site was not well attended. Comments were limited to expressions of dislike of the previous owner, support for filling in the large hole, and the excessive speed along Hall Road.

Elsewhere, just over the railway, a scheme is being proposed for something similar, but on a smaller scale. It would include the station car park and the rectangular waste land beyond. Studies have shown that usage of the car park has fallen off considerably since the pandemic, and it is proposed to provide 15 parking spaces, with no continuation of the Airport parking which at present occupies the further end of the site. Most of the development site would be occupied by commercial and light industrial business premises, with five small units on the remainder of the car park space, and eight larger ones beyond.

The site is bounded to the north by existing warehouses, to the south by 'Bloor 2', 200 homes, to the east by 'Bloor 3', 110 homes included in the draft Local Plan, if they are approved, and to the north by the public footpath which runs over to Henham. In other words, it is a remaining parcel of land which appears ripe for development, and the proposed project must surely be preferable to yet more housing.



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Last month I mentioned that Stansted Airport had recently hit a record in passenger numbers so I thought it might be interesting to look back to the airports' origins. It was built by the 825th and 850th Engineer Aviation Battalions EAB of the United States Army, along with a small group of British Royal Engineers

The airfield opened in August 1943 as an RAF depot. Stansted was then handed to the USAAF Ninth Air Force in October 1943 when the 344th Bombardment Group took up residence having moved from Georgia in the USA. The 344th moved to France in September 1944 and following the final departure of the USAAF in August 1945 Stansted was taken over by the Air Ministry who used it as a PoW camp and a storage area until the site was handed to the Ministry of Civil Aviation in 1949.

With the onset of the Cold War, Stansted was selected as a candidate to house nuclear bombers and the runway was strengthened and extended to two miles long. In the event however, these plans fell through, and in 1966 control passed to the newly-formed British Airports Authority. As it was to turn out, this extension made the airfield highly suitable for civil aviation and so London Stansted Airport was born.

Over the years there have been many VIP visits to the airport but the most famous probably occurred in 1983. In the early eighties, the then fledgling Public Relations department was looking at ways to bring the airport to the attention of the flying public and a short film was commissioned extolling the virtues of Stansted as the third London airport. When considering what else could be done to put the airport on the map, it was suggested somewhat tongue in cheek, that getting the space shuttle to land there would be at the top of the list. Coincidentally at this time, NASA were wanting to publicise the space programme so after a great deal of planning, on June 5th 1983 the Space Shuttle Enterprise landed at Stansted on the back of a specially modified Jumbo Jet. It nearly didn't happen as a storm front was threatening to move in and NASA nearly cancelled the landing not because of risk to the shuttle but because they couldn't afford to lose the 747 transport which was the only one of its kind. It was estimated that some 200,000 people came to Stansted to see the Shuttle that weekend.

Concorde was diverted to Stansted on several occasions, quite often causing lots of noise complaints. It wasn't unusual however, that when complainants found out that it was Concorde making the noise, the complaint changed to "why didn't you tell us?".

As I write these notes we don't have a speaker for our September meeting but rest assured we will find one. Visitors are always welcome at our meetings for a very modest two pounds but even better, membership still costs just five pounds for a full year's meetings.





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We have a fabulous safe area to play in, a train ride with a small £2 fee, a stream to splash in, a woodland trail to explore, ice creams to be slurped and crafts to be created and more!

Entry is £6 (under 1s free) and it really is a fabulous day out for all the family.

We are open every day, but please always check our Facebook page just in case.

There really is so much to do and see at the farm and our animals just love seeing you all. So do be sure to come and see us over the summer. Can't wait to see you.

We **always** need help in so many ways, particularly when there is **so** much to do. So if you have a little time to spare, **please** get in touch, we would **love** to hear from you. Please contact 🕾 07747 787973 or take a look at our website 8 <u>www.daisymaysfarm.org</u> to find out more. Thank you so much.

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ELSENHAM WOMEN'S INSTITUTE

By Moyra Jackson 🕾 647351

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That's us now into the second half of 2026 – where did the first half go? Elsenham gardens are looking lovely with a beautiful mix of colour and scents as you walk past them.

Our last meeting was our Annual Meeting. Our committee remains the same as last year's and I was very pleased to be nominated as president for a further year. We enjoyed hearing all about our past year and the meetings and outings and then enjoyed lovely refreshments and a quiz on films.

Talking about Annual Meetings, at the time of writing I am getting ready for the Annual Meeting of the Federation of Essex WIs, a somewhat larger affair than the one at Elsenham. Am I nervous? Setting up and chairing a meeting of around 500 WI members and guests and introducing guest speakers – of course I am! The enjoyable part of it is along with Gill Hathaway our secretary and also a Trustee at Federation we get to meet up with members from all over Essex and it is always very well attended by Elsenham, who have managed to fill a coach for the trip to Colchester. These events are always better when the Elsenham Girls are in the house!

Our next meeting is on Thursday July 17 and we will have Anne Arbuthnot coming along to tell us all about 'The History of Copped Hall'. The competition is a bit of a departure for us – your best houseplant.

Our Annual Garden Party for members and their partners is at the end of the month and we all look forward to dressing up for that – posh frock and hats are the order of the day. This year has a 'Red, White & Blue' theme in keeping with the VE80 day earlier this year.



Coming along to Elsenham WI is a really good way to make friends especially if you are new to the area. 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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Good news for June

Planning Performance. The Government has reinstated full planning powers at UDC. Three years ago we were designated for poor performance on planning decisions (refusing too many that were overturned on appeal albeit we were not top of the list!). A programme of improvement has produced significant results. The Minister of State for Housing and Planning this week congratulated the Council for progress achieved to date. We are one of the few councils in Essex that have a full planning team, retaining staff which is going against the national trend.

The Council's main website serving the public has been ranked as the best in England for accessibility. It achieves 100% compliance with international web content accessibility standards. Uttlesford is one of only five councils out of 300 local authority websites to have achieved this.

We are delighted that Uttlesford District Council is now a Fostering Friendly employer. If you would like any further information on how to make this happen in your workplace, do contact us.

The New Community Supermarket is in Elsenham on Thursdays. We are big supporters of this enterprise, which is suited to those who want to buy everyday basics at cost effective prices, to give a helping hand and keep more pounds in pockets. We will be having our monthly surgery at the Memorial Hall at 1-2.30pm on 17 July to overlap with the supermarket which is at 1.30-3.30pm. We look forward to meeting residents without making any prior appointment.

As ever, of course, we would be very happy to hear from any residents by email or phone should there be anything they think we can help with or answer any questions you may have on our report, or the District Council.

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There is something very evocative about engineering smells.

The visit to "Down Farm" in May and the odour of machine oil mixed with clouds of steam brought me back to times when I visited my Uncle Joe.

He was the Station Master for a small village called "Hubberts Bridge". That May day visit organised by the Saffron Walden & District Society of Model Engineers was truly memorable.

In addition to the two steam trains running on narrow gauge railway giving rides to those present, there were static displays which included a threshing machine being run by a steam engine. You could also have a ride on a steam car.

If you missed the first Open Day at Down Farm (just over the M11 Bridge as you leave Elsenham going to Stansted and on the left), they are having another one on August 23.

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The April edition of the magazine had the Entry form with the Schedule and Rules printed in the centre pages. Unfortunately, we missed a page for the EFSS Top Tray & Top Vase Rules for Class 11 (EFSS TOP VASE) and Class 31 (EFSS TOP TRAY). These rules are available on the ECA website.

If you have mislaid your copy of the magazine you can find all the info on the ECA website and will be able to print them off

www.elsenhamcommunityassociation.org.uk.

Our Post Office and Elsenham Station have copies of the Entry form, Schedule and both set of rules. The Elsenham Café, held in the Memorial Hall on a Tuesday morning, will also have copies.

Please complete the Entry form and deliver with fees to Sue Waite or Lynda Jolly by Saturday 9 August. Exhibits for the Show should be at the Memorial Hall on show morning between 08.30 and 10.45am. The Show will be opened to the public at 2pm. Admission £1, accompanied children are free.

On the next page is the recipe for the Battenberg Cake for Class 42, prep 30 minutes, cooking time 25 minutes.

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Method

1. Preheat the oven to 190c / 375F / Gas 5

2. Grease a 20cm / 8in square, loose based tin with butter

3. Take a 30cm x 20cm / 12in x 8in strip of baking parchment and make an 8cm / 3in fold in the centre. This will create a division in the cake so that the two differently coloured sponges can be cooked at the same time

4. Line the tin with the baking parchment, keeping the division in the centre.

5. Put the butter, sugar, eggs, flour and vanilla in a food processor and pulse until well combined.

6. Transfer to a bowl set on scales, remove half of the batter and put it in a different bowl.

7. Add a small dab of red food colouring to one bowl and fold it into the batter until it is well blended.

8. Spoon the cake batters into each side of the prepared tin and smooth the surface with the back of a spoon.

9. Bake in the centre of the oven for about 25 mins or until the sponges have risen. Cool in the tin for five minutes, then slide a knife around the outside of each sponge and turn them out onto a wire rack. If the sponges have risen unevenly, press the surface gently until level. 10. Leave until completely cold.

11. To assemble the cake, first place one sponge on top of the other and trim off the crusty edges so they are both the same size. Cut the sponges in half lengthways to make four long rectangles.

12. Warm the apricot jam in a saucepan then press through a fine sieve.

13. Brush the long side of one of the sponges with jam and sandwich together with a sponge of a contrasting colour. Do the same with the other two sponges.

14. Sandwich the two pairs of sponges together like a checkerboard and brush the top and sides with jam.

15. Place the marzipan on a surface dusted with icing sugar and roll into a rectangle of about 40cm x 20cm / 16in x 10in. It should be large enough to wrap the cake completely leaving the ends exposed and be about 5mm / 1/4in thick.

16. Turn the cake upside down on the marzipan and brush the underside of the sponges with jam.

17. Wrap the marzipan around the cake, pressing it gently onto the surface of the sponges, and press the edges together to make a firm join.

18. Turn back over with the seam underneath, trim a thin slice off each end and place on a serving plate.

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By Susan Sedgebeer

Members of Stansted Mountfitchet u3a have enjoyed a series of engaging outings and events this spring and summer.

On 10 May, following our 3 May Wartime Memorabilia Exhibition and the 80th VE Day anniversary, many members boarded a Richmond's Coach for a visit to the National Memorial Arboretum. Under perfect skies, participants took the guided land-train tour to familiarise themselves with the site before exploring peaceful woodlands and pausing at memorials of personal significance.

Two days later, on 12 May, the garden group travelled to Myddleton House Gardens in Enfield, former home of self-taught plantsman Edward Augustus Bowles. The 1818 house, which was named for Sir Hugh Myddelton of New River fame, now houses the Lee Valley Regional Park Authority. Restored in 2011 with Heritage Lottery funding and reopened by the then Duchess of Cornwall, the gardens were at their fragrant best, with wisteria in full bloom and early roses adding serene charm.

Meanwhile, the bus pass group set off on a sunny, breezy outing to the riverside town of Maldon. Members split into small groups, many reuniting for lunch at riverside cafés. Highlights included the historic High Street, moored Thames barges, the Thomas Plume Library's rare books and the intricate Maldon Embroidery depicting the town's history. The day ended with a leisurely sit in the sun, enjoying estuary views and friendly company.

Looking ahead, at our monthly meeting on 17 July, City of London guide and historian David Williams makes a welcome return, this time to present the City's pioneering biodiversity policy, exploring its pocket parks, commons, woodlands, playing fields and royal parks. Visitors and prospective new members are warmly invited to St Theresa's Centre, High Lane, from 1.30 pm for a 2 pm start.

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ST MARY'S CHURCH ELSENHAM Office@heuchurch.co.uk Thought For The Month by Louis Wilson

I wonder if you've ever used smelling salts? They are basically concentrated ammonia crystals, which therefore have a very strong smell.

In past centuries, they were the cure for fainting. Thrust under the nose, they would deliver such a shock that they would awaken and revive the faint. Deeply unpleasant, but very effective. Apparently, they've had a new lease of life today with athletes - a blast of smelling salts between rounds and a boxer is alert and ready for action.

Someone has said that the death of a loved one is like spiritual smelling salts - to waken us from the mistaken belief that we will live forever.

I know this personally, because until my early thirties, functionally, I assumed people did live forever. Then,very unexpectedly, my father died. And it was a smelling salts moment, that woke me up to the deeply painful reality of death and bereavement, and how unprepared for them our culture makes us.

In Luke chapter 7, there's a funeral of a young man, the only child of his mother, and that mother is already a widow. A crowd are with her, but the truth is she's alone: alone with her dead son and her overwhelming loss. The Lord Jesus comes across the funeral cortege. The widow says nothing and asks nothing of him. She didn't need to. We're told: when Jesus saw her,his heart went out to her he was filled with compassion for her.

We're being told something really significant: the heart of Jesus is not judgment. It's not anger or condemnation. The heart of Jesus is compassion. What is it like to have such fully functioning emotions? What is it like to have such unrestrained emotions of compassion? In Jesus, that is what we see: perfect, unfiltered compassion. We see a real human, but not limited by the sinful self-obsession that restricts our compassion.

But Jesus not only cares. He has the power to do something. Unbidden, he touched the bier on which they were carrying the boy, and commanded, "Young man, I say to you, get up!"

The dead man sat up and began to talk, and Jesus gave him back to his mother. Jesus touches the place of death, and raises this dead boy to life, as easily as you or I can wake someone from sleep. And most pointedly, he gives this woman's son back to her.

It is this extraordinary mixture of compassion and power which makes Jesus unique. His words are often so challenging, but it is this Jesus - radically compassionate and endlessly patient who speaks them.

George Herbert, the 17th century Christian poet once wrote: "Death used to be an executioner, but the Gospel makes him just a gardener." Death used to be able to crush us, but for those who entrust themselves to Jesus, all death can do now is plant us in God's soil so we become something extraordinary.

The comfort that Jesus gives this widow is real precisely because he has the power to overcome death.

CHURCH EVENTS IN OUR VILLAGES JULY 2025

Church Services

Sunday 6th July

10:30 All Age Service, Elsenham Village Hall 18:00 Sunday@6, Henham Church Sunday 13th July 08:45 Praver Book Morning Prayer **Elsenham Church** 10:00 Morning Service, Ugley Church 10:30 Morning Praise, Henham Church 18:00 Sunday@6, Henham Church Sunday 20th July 08:45 Prayer Book Morning Prayer, Elsenham Church 10:00 Holy Communion, Ugley Church 10:30 Morning Praise, Elsenham Village Hall 18:00 Sundav@6. Henham Church Sunday 27th July 08:45 Praver Book Holv Communion. Elsenham Church

- 10:00 Morning Service, Ugley Church
- 10:30 Morning Praise Communion, Henham Church
- 18:00 Sunday@6, Henham Church

Other Events: Family Challenge Afternoon Saturday 5th July, 3:30 – 5:30pm at Henham Church

Bring your family, make up a team, complete challenges and enjoy a BBQ!

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Other Regular Events

SUNDAYS:

Elsenham & Henham Sunday Club/ Explorers (Reception-Y5) (Y1-Y6) Leave from Morning Praise Service, 10.30am Sundays: 13^{th &} 20th

Pathfinders (Y6-Y9)

Henham Church 6.00pm - leave from service to meet in New Church Hall, Henham Church. Sundays: 6th, 13th & 20th

Crammin' (Y10-Y13)

Henham Church 6.00pm – leave from service to meet in New Church Hall, Henham Church. Sundays: 6th, 13th & 20th

MID-WEEK AND SATURDAY:

Seekers After School Bible Club (Y3-Y4) Old Frank's 3.15pm Mondays: 7th & 14th

Christian Play (Y1-Y2) Rowan House, Elsenham 3.15pm Tuesdays: 1st, 8th, 15th & 22nd

Little Fishes Pre-School Group New Church Hall, Henham Church 10.30am

Thursday: 3rd, 10th & 17th

Little Fishes Pre-School Group Elsenham Memorial Hall 10.00am Fridays: 4th, 11th & 18th

<u>Church Lunch Club</u> <u>Elsenham Memorial Hall 12.30pm</u> Fridays: (2nd & 4th Friday of the month): 11th & 25th

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ELSENHAM COMMUNITY CHOIR

By Elaine Terry

What a fantastic time we all had yesterday at the first ever Elsenham Community Choir Summer Extravaganza!

We sang 16 songs of various genres in front of an audience of about 100 people, and everyone got to enjoy a cheeky summer drink, some refreshments, a jolly good natter and of course, our Choir all singing our hearts out.

We have been rehearsing for quite some time now and we ended the evening with one of our favourites, a rendition of Adele's Skyfall which was met with great applause.

It was an event for local people, and we welcomed friends, old and new and as the whole afternoon was free, we invited our guests to make a donation to the Ugley based HFT charity and we were very happy to have raised several hundred pounds!

We meet every first and third Tuesday of the month at 7pm in the Village Hall (next to the school) and there is always a warm welcome for everyone, old and new.

This might have been our first concert, but it won't be our last so keep an eye out for our next musical spectacular.

ELSENHAM EAGLES

Elsenham Action Group for Local Environmental Sustainability *elsenham.action@btinternet.com*

"A Nice place to Be"... A work in progress. From little acorns do great oaks grow!

On Sunday May 19 we finally got our project, the creation of a Community Garden in Isabel Drive, off the ground with our first meeting with residents.

We surveyed the area. It has grown quite wild and looks like a fantastic pollinator habitat, with many interesting species of flowers and a few lovely butterflies. However, this is a shared space and must be able to be used for informal play for young children. To this end we mowed some of the area to get rid of prickly plants and to create a picnic area. We also used a strimmer to cut in some play trails through the long grass, great for anyone going on a bear hunt!

We are currently deciding where to place flower beds and how much more of the grassed areas need to be mowed. Lack of rain and a clear planting plan have been hindering us, so we are definitely a work in progress.

To find out more information or to join our group of volunteers please email at the address above.







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ST MARY'S FABRIC FUND ELSENHAM Registered Charity No 1052884 By Stewart Pimblett, Chairman 🕾 812359

This is the last chance for me to remind you of our Vintage / Retro Exhibition on the weekend of July 19 and 20 (10.30am - 5pm) at St. Mary's Church.



So, for all you "Dedicated Followers of Fashion" you are in for a treat. I don't suppose many of you reading this will remember The Kinks and the 60s but it was a great decade to live through with good music, fashion and design.

The Exhibition will also focus on toys, games cameras and so forth, and anything of a certain age and interest. So, if you have anything you would like to exhibit that is hiding in the loft, please get in touch.

Refreshments will be available over the weekend.

We hope to see you there.

LOUDER THAN WORDS

Saturday 5 July at 3.30pm Great St Mary's Church Sawbridgeworth CM21 9AJ



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Newport & District Flower Club

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The club has had another very enjoyable month. Doreen Robinson thrilled us with her displays entitled 'Gone Fishing', a celebration of National Go Fishing Day!

Another highlight was a visit to Dorset to enjoy a workshop with Floral Demonstrator and six times RHS Chelsea Gold Medal winner Angela Turner. Angela runs a floristry school from her botanical workshop and is a wonderful teacher. Several members of the club joined other clubs from the area for this overnight trip. The following day we travelled to Salisbury Cathedral for their magical flower festival entitled 'The Spirit of Water'. Over 30,000 blooms were used to create the most wonderful displays.

Coming up in July we have a club workshop, and you might like to join us for our afternoon cream tea and mini floral demonstration on 13 August 2025 at Ugley Village Hall. A popular event but tickets are limited so please book ahead.

Visitors are always welcome 7pm for 7.30pm start every third Wednesday of the month, at Ugley Village Hall, CM22 6HR



GARDEN HINT By Sue Johnson

Plan your planting: Make note of plants that are working well in your garden this summer, and any changes you would like to make, so you can begin to make a plan for next summer's planting.

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The topography, geology and fertile soils of the Hundred Parishes have combined to provide suitable conditions for farming. Currently, cereals cover about two-thirds of our arable

fields with crops of winter or spring-sown barley, oats and wheat. Twenty percent

of fields have been planted with oil seed rape (pictured) or vegetables. Grasslands make up the remainder of fields, providing forage for cattle, sheep or horses.

Inevitably the weather influences the success or otherwise of crops. This spring has been exceptionally warm, very dry and sunny so there are concerns about a possible drought, reduced crop growth and lower yields. Some farmers started earlier than usual to irrigate vulnerable crops, and all are

hoping for some more rainy days ahead as plants need moisture to absorb the nutrients they require for growth.

Healthy soils will retain more moisture; some farmers are planting 'cover crops' beneath the main crop as this will help to reduce water run-off and leaching of nutrients. Leaving wildflower margins around fields encourages assorted predators that eat pests of crops.

Many farmers diversify their activities to spread the risk: planting different crops, creating fishing lakes for anglers or converting barns for holiday lets or wedding venues.

In recent years, some have been able to realise the potential of their south-facing fields, conveniently located over underlying chalk, to plant grape vines. Guided by the results of detailed soil analysis, coupled with careful selection of appropriate species of grape, these winemakers are now producing first class sparkling English wines and also bottles of excellent red, white or rosé wine. Many offer tours of their vineyards as an added attraction.

Walkers following routes from www.hundredparishes.org.uk will appreciate the area's scenic beauty and rich agricultural heritage. Routes 127 and 161 pass vineyards and we should look out for other unusual crops.

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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THE AUBREY BUXTON NATURE RESERVE

By John Welham, Warden ⊠ communications@essexwt.org.uk



Spring was very dry, and it wasn't until late May that we started to get decent amounts of rain. It was possible to see trees reacting to this and doing their best to conserve water. A horse chestnut tree near to home dropped nearly all its fruit (conkers) when they were hardly developed and not much bigger than peas. In the reserve we are lucky to have lots of water and, although the non-permanent ponds have dried up, the soil is still moist and our trees are generally doing well. We have been given 50 young trees, just whips 30cm tall, of various native species. We have given these a temporary home in our enclosure before we plant them out in the autumn.

There have been lots of successful birds' nests in the reserve and in late May/early June the trees were alive with the sound of fledglings calling to their parents. The numerous blue tit families in particular are keeping up a constant chatter. I have previously mentioned that we often see a grey wagtail in the reserve but we had no evidence as to whether they bred there. Well now we do! This spring we were delighted to see a young grey wagtail being fed by its parent.

We are in the process of planning some improvements to the paths. Several of them become excessively muddy in the winter, which forces people to take a wider line across our meadow areas. This in turn compacts the soil and prevents the more delicate wildflowers, such as orchids, from growing there. As part of these works, we will be closing the southernmost entrance to the reserve. All the entrances from the footpath alongside the field and from the car park will remain open.

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Pictured right: Grey wagtail (image courtesy of Wikimedia)





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ELSENHAM BOWLS AND SOCIAL CLUB

⁽¹⁾ www.elsenhambc.org.uk By David Thomas

Congratulations this month go to Do Hackett and Ray Jones who were the winners of the club Platt Verlander Trophy competition.



Club members enjoyed a day of knockout rounds before the final in the late afternoon sunshine. Well done to our winners and the runners up Therese Clear and David Spearman.

The club 2025 County Coaching Day was enjoyed by all who attended. The day went into the more technical side of the game to help all players to improve their game. Our thanks go to our coaches for the day, and to all involved in arranging the session.

Our Charity Quiz Night will be on 5 July. Tables of up to 8 team members are invited to book with Trevor on $\textcircled{}{}^{\textcircled{}}$ 07445 437437. A light supper is included in the price at just £7 per person.

The Caverners group will be playing a range of 60s and 70s chart topping hits for our next music night on 12 July. Tickets are available now at £7.50 for members and £12.50 for non-members. Ticket availability is limited so, again, please call Trevor on P 07445 437437 to secure your ticket for the event.

If you have ever been interested in finding out more about bowls, there is a chance to have a go and find out what is involved in the game on a Friday evening. All are welcome to join us whether you are new to the game or are an experienced bowler who would like to join us.

Remember our regular activities are open to anyone interested, including Thursday evening darts and Friday team roll up and social night. Please pop along for a chat.

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In addition, you can find local and specialist support, including that for young carers, through <u>www.uttlesfordfrontline.co.uk</u> - an online referral platform used by both professionals and residents. It can help you access financial and educational support and link with wellbeing groups, counselling services, complementary therapies and more - in many cases you can also make a secure, self-referral.

To speak to one of our friendly advisers call 01799 618840 or email

help@uttlesfordca.org.uk. Advice is always free and confidential.



Weddings:

- On 24 May 2025 at Henham Church, Andrew Thomas McClure Sutherland and Laura-Marie Zimmermann.
- On 7 June 2025 at Elsenham Church, James Nicholas Tristan Simmonds and Ruby Jean Spencer.

Funeral:

• A funeral service at Henham Church, followed by a cremation at Cam Valley Crematorium on 2 June 2025, Garry McKay Le Count, aged 81 years, formerly of Old Mead Road, Henham.

Burial of Ashes:

• On 27 May 2025 in Ugley Churchyard, Frank Hadfield.

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"Everyone has a Tully Dawson: the friend who defines your life. In the summer of 1986, James and Tully ignite a friendship based on music, films and the rebel spirit. With school over, they rush towards a magical weekend of youthful excess in Manchester, played out against the greatest soundtrack ever recorded. And there a vow is made: to go at life differently. Thirty years on, the phone rings. Tully has news." So says the blurb on the back of the book.



A stunning novel. Graham Norton

My god this is gorgeous. Wild, wise, wonderful. Russell T. Davies

This was the choice of the book group this month.

The Amazon AI summarises: Customers find this book to be a fantastic read with great writing and humour that makes them laugh and weep. Moreover, they appreciate its fascinating study of male friendship and its thought-provoking nature, with one customer noting how it shines with every human emotion. Additionally, the pacing is very moving, and one customer describes it as a beautiful memory of friendship.

The book is in two parts. The first part tells of the events of a group of Scottish lads as they negotiate school and immediate post school years in a sort of coming of age. It also depicts a bromance between the narrator, James, known as Noodles and his best friend Tully. They and their friends head off for a weekend in Manchester to experience the joys of music, drink and drugs and to visit the well-known Piccadilly Records. They attend the G-Mex to see a concert including The Smiths, New Order and The Fall. They also experience a night in the Hacienda. Andrew O'Hagan takes time to establish character; period and situation including male friendship; the role of outsiders; the relationships between generations and the eighties experience. We also learn about the families of Noodles and Tully and their relationships with their parents.

The second part of the book then follows up the story as the characters are in their 50s and Tully is diagnosed with terminal cancer. Both Noodles and he are in long-term relationships but the focus on their bromance means the women are a bit sketchy. Tully involves Noodles in his wish for assisted dying.

The jump cut to adult versions of these same characters and the darker theme of death are not as well-expressed as the earlier part of the novel and a bit more detail on the journey to that jump cut might have elevated this novel, for example, how did they become these adult characters. The Mayflies metaphor is very obvious and a bit cliché but the reference was a throw away and not really explained.



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Not sure what you're after? Why not come for fresh barista coffee and cake and have a browse at the produce whilst you're here...it's a win win!

Most of the produce is homemade, so not only do you get to treat yourself to these fantastic goodies once a month, but you are also supporting local businesses, and coming together with our fabulous community; you might even make a new friend!

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Elsenham Farmers Market Team

This recipe may seem like a bit of a blast from the past, nevertheless a truly delicious and impressive dessert, guaranteed to be enjoyed by all. A lovely way to serve fresh raspberries, at their best just now. Another recipe from the wonderful Mary Berry.

Raspberry and Mango Knickerbocker Glory (serves 6)

1lb (450g) raspberries
2 tablespoons icing sugar
1 ripe mango, peeled, stoned and diced
5oz (150g) fresh blueberries
12 scoops of vanilla ice cream
1 oz (25g) pistachios, coarsely chopped

To make a raspberry coulis, put 9oz (250g) of the raspberries into a food processor along with the icing sugar and whizz until smooth. Tip the resulting purée into a sieve set over a bowl and use a metal spoon to push the fruit pulp through the sieve.

Divide half the diced mango between six glass dishes. Divide half the blueberries between the glasses, placing on top of the mango. Sit one scoop of ice cream on top of each blueberry layer, drizzle over half the raspberry puree and half the whole raspberries. Repeat the layering again to use the remaining ingredients and top with the chopped pistachios.

CHEF'S RECOMMENDATIONS: You can make the raspberry purée in advance – it keeps in the fridge for up to two days. For those with a nut allergy, crumbled ginger biscuits would make a nice substitute topping.





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