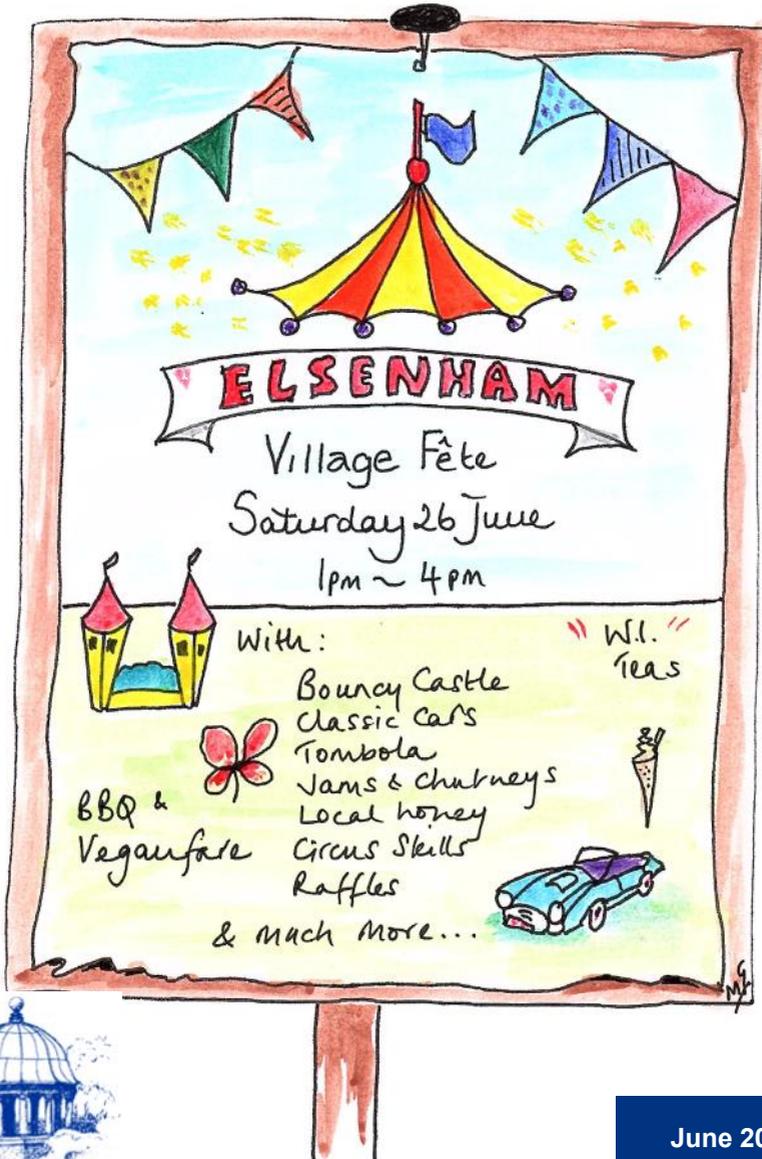


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Please note that following government advice regarding Covid-19, most regular activities that would normally take place in the Memorial Hall or the Village Hall have been cancelled until further notice.

The following groups or activities are suspended until further notice:

Community Choir
Life Drawing
Rainbows
Tots & Toddlers
Yoga

Guides
Line Dance
Shape to the Beat
Village Café, tea, coffee and lunch
Zumba

Some groups are meeting online or in a limited way

Beavers and Cubs

Brownies in the Memorial Hall

Church services and special events (please see page 27)

Little Fishes is meeting in the Memorial Hall

Elsenham Tennis Club activities (please see page 39)

Elsenham & Stansted Hall Cricket Club training & fixtures (see website)

Kick Boxing (on Playing Field)

WI (online, please see page 13)

Parish Council meetings are being held by Zoom. There will be no meeting in. Contact Louise Johnson for further information on meetings by email on  louise.epc@gmail.com or check EPC website,  <https://elsenham.pc.gov.uk>.



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

Place: Glebe End. Time: 11.50am to 12.20pm

Day: Thursday

Dates: 3 and 24 June, 15 July, 5 and 26 August

THE NEWS REPORT

From The Editors



Exciting time ahead! The Village Fete is actually happening this year, on Saturday, 26 June. As ever there will be fun for all the family – and don't we need that? There will be activities, crafts for sale and of course food and drink. See p5 for details and do get in touch with the organisers if you can help out on the day.

If you perfected jam tarts, blueberry muffins or vegan sausage rolls in lockdown last year, then please bake a batch and donate them to the WI for the refreshment tent at the fete, see p13 for details.

As well as Daisy May's Farm, up near the church, being open again p15, the kids' golfing activities are also available at Stansted Golf World p28. Further afield Audley End p7, Hatfield Forest and Cammas Hall p44 are open too. If we can just get some sunshine, it could be a great half term.

Lots of clubs and societies are looking at how they can meet in person again and some have already re-started, so check the schedule on p2.

If you are more inclined to stay at home, then there's plenty to read in the magazine. We have contributions from our regular correspondents at the History Society p29 and 100 Parishes p23, covering local issues. Natural Outlook is focused on flowers this month, p33, and there are updates from the school, p31 and the Cubs and Beavers in Scouting News, p25.

If you would like us to cover your organisation or society, please send something to us at [✉ elsenhamsnews@hotmail.co.uk](mailto:elsenhamsnews@hotmail.co.uk), we are always delighted to have new contributors.

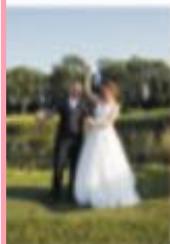
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The Editors

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ELSENHAM VILLAGE

SATURDAY 26 JUNE 1-4pm

We are starting to get very busy with our fete plans and we have so many super attractions for our big day.

Lots of folk have been busily crafting away over lockdown and are going to be selling their fabulous items, from homemade candles to dog accessories, handmade beeswax items to vintage bric-a-brac, freshly made chutneys and jams to patchwork quilts, hand stitched bags to infused honey to name a few, you could do ALL your Christmas shopping there and it's only June.

There will be bouncy castles for all ages, ice cream vans, our usual scrummy barbecue, the wonderful vegan horse box and this year for a change, Turkish pizzas too! The amazing WI will be running the tea tent bursting at the seams with scrummy cakes and cream teas. We will have our usual incredible circus entertainer, Jebb the Jester, ready and waiting to teach the children circus skills and to astound and amaze us with his fire juggling.

There will be all sorts of entertainment in the arena and of course, there will be fun and games for children of all ages to enjoy.

The collection of classic vehicles is coming along nicely – do you have one? Then make sure you bring it on the day and show it off!

If it would make you feel more comfortable, please bring your own chair or picnic blanket for you to use when enjoying the refreshments.

Please note, there is NO parking on the playing field for the public, unless disabled parking is needed. Please park in the surrounding area, but better still, walk. Thank you.

As you can imagine, organising a fete like this takes a fair bit of effort and we would really like your help. Can you help on the day or with the organising behind the scenes or both? Please do get in touch, as the more of us there are helping, the less we all have to do!

This fete is shaping up to be amazing, so why not help to make it one to remember!

Any queries, call on ☎ 07962 586825 or email elaine.terry2011@btinternet.com

Best wishes from the Fete Team.

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You will need to buy a standard admission ticket for adults and children; the events are included in that price. Adults £20.90, children £12.60, family tickets and concessions available, free to English Heritage members.

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ELSENHAM PARISH COUNCIL 6 MAY 2021

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



The Annual Elsenham Parish Council meeting was due to be held on Monday 10 May 2021. However, the meeting had to be re-arranged as the legislation allowing parish and town councils to hold online meetings, which Parliament had passed in 2020, expired on 7 May 2021.

This caused a dilemma, the Parish Council could no longer hold Zoom meetings, yet to hold an indoor meeting while observing all Covid restrictions would also not be possible. The Parish Council, therefore, brought forward the meeting to Thursday 6 May 2021, which was held via Zoom.

For the third consecutive year Cllr Graham Mott was unanimously elected Chairman with Cllr Moyra Jackson as Vice-Chairman. The appointments to committees, working groups, representatives to outside bodies and co-ordinators to other roles, were agreed and voted on, 25 in total.

The Playing Field Committee is going to purchase two new cradle swings and two new litter bins. On the request of a resident, the committee is considering replacing or adding new play equipment, this will depend on funds and available space.

The Parish Council's accounts for 2020/2021 have been signed off by the internal auditor. The Chairman signed the Annual Governance Statement and the Annual Accounting Statement 2020/2021 and these will be submitted to the external auditor.

Summer planting has been delayed for a few weeks, as the pansies are still looking wonderful.

Five cherry trees have been planted along the boundary fence of the Memorial Garden; these should give an attractive back drop to the garden over time.

Elsenham Parish Council would like to remind residents that the public sections of the Parish Council Notice Boards are not for advertising businesses. Any posts advertising businesses will be removed by the Parish Council.

The Parish Council would like to place a dog waste bin at the entrance to Alsa Wood. Unfortunately, the Parish Council is still waiting for Uttlesford District Council to agree to empty the bin as part of their weekly refuse collection. This has been going on for months and despite councillors sending numerous emails and leaving telephone messages, the District Council has still not granted the request.

The date for the next Parish Council meeting was scheduled for 7 June 2021, however, it was agreed that in these unsettled times and given the constraints that the Government have imposed, it would be prudent not to hold a meeting in June.

Please refer to  <https://elsenhamspc.gov.uk> for future meetings.

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DISTRICT COUNCILLORS' REPORT

JUNE 2021

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We are preparing for our Annual General Meeting. We are halfway into our administration, and despite the pandemic continue to deliver our Corporate Plan.

We are employing an Interim Chief Executive, whilst we begin the process of employing a new Chief Executive. Dawn French, who has been working in local government for 38 years is allowing herself more time to do something different. Personally, we would like to thank her for the calm and unflustered work in steering the district through the pandemic over the last year.

During the interim the Chief Executive will be asked to focus on improving the Planning Department. We have commissioned a review by the Local Government Association. As many of you may be aware the Queen's Speech included changes in planning, and we must continue to ensure we deliver homes that are right for the District and challenge those that are not.

We have returned to face to face meetings, the new format includes social distancing, wearing a mask in well ventilated rooms (a spare blanket, just in case is a must!). Our meetings can now be viewed on Youtube, to watch, please visit <https://www.uttlesford.gov.uk/article/4776/Your-council> .

Due to the announcement of the Government to reduce carbon emissions the Council consequently wrote to the Inspectors seeking the re-opening of the Stansted Airport Inquiry to hear further evidence on the significance of this policy change, which would effectively preclude any headroom in the carbon budget for any additional emissions arising from additional airport capacity beyond that already committed. At the same time SSE wrote to the Secretaries of State for Local Government and Transport seeking them to recover the appeal decision from the Planning Inspectorate on the grounds that STAL's proposed development now clearly raised issues of national significance, notwithstanding previous rejections that they were only of local significance.

The Secretaries of State have not responded on recovery of the appeal decision. The Inspectors allowed an extension for written submissions until 7 May, but have not specifically dealt with the request for a further hearing session.

The council's submission, and those of the Appellant and SSE have been posted on the council's website. Access them using this link: <https://www.uttlesford.gov.uk/airport-appeal>

We are hopeful that we can return to face to face surgeries. We are always available to contact by telephone, email or Zoom.

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ELSENHAM WOMEN'S INSTITUTE

By Moyra Jackson ☎ 647351



Well, so much for March winds and April showers! As I write this, both seem to have arrived at the same time in May and with a real vengeance! Still, it is at least starting to warm up and the mixture of sun and rain has meant that our gardens are finally bursting into life.

Our April meeting – another Zoom special – saw gold star member of the Inner Magic Circle, Steve Price join us to perform the online show he calls ‘Virtually Impossible.’ Steve has been a professional magician for over 15 years and would usually be entertaining people on cruise ships, at corporate events and private functions. The pandemic has, of course, forced entertainers to think differently about how they reach their audiences in order to make a living. Steve has developed an online show that provides a unique blend of humour, mystery, and sleight of hand. He even incorporates an interactive element with audience members helping with his tricks via their screens.

Elsenham members and guests, including partners, children, and grandchildren this month, were transfixed by Steve’s performance as they all tried to work out just how he did his tricks. Even the possibility of being able to peer very closely at their screens from home still made it impossible to guess exactly how Steve was able to perform his magic.



We are all looking forward to the village fete on Saturday 26 June. We’ll have the usual tombola stall (this year with goody filled cups and mugs as prizes) and the WI will also be hosting the tea tent. PLEASE, PLEASE, PLEASE can we have your donations of cakes, biscuits and/or savouries on the day – our lovely villagers are always very generous with their edible donations and we are hoping to make this a bumper year.

Our June meeting (hopefully the last one on Zoom – fingers crossed!) will be a change to the advertised event so do check on our social media pages or on the posters around the village for details.

Details of our programme, events and activities can be found on our social pages. Visitors are always welcome to our monthly meetings and to our various groups so please come along or give me a call. We usually meet at 7.45pm on the third Thursday in the Memorial Hall, and whilst we have been meeting regularly and successfully on Zoom over the last year or so, we hope to be back in the hall soon.

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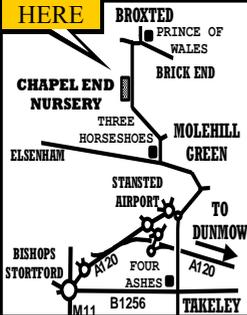
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We have SO many babies around the farm and they are ALL so cute, from the baby bunnies to the little lambs. The gorgeous kid goats are so funny and the snuffly piglets are absolutely adorable. We also have chicks of all shapes and sizes – it's SUCH a great time of year to visit the farm.

If you are planning on doing some baking, we have lots of eggs, so make sure you don't go home empty handed.



Something new that we have been trialling that has gone down fantastically is 'LOVE A LAMB.'

Providing you pre-book via our website, for 20 minutes you get cuddle time with the lambs and also the chance to bottle feed them for £10 for a family/group of six.....Amazing!

We will soon be resuming birthday parties and school trips to the farm, so make sure you get in first as things at the farm don't get much more special than they are at the moment!

There is so much going on at Daisy May's Farm at the moment, so make sure you don't miss out. We really look forward to seeing you soon.



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DEVELOPMENT DEVELOPMENTS

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



At the April meeting of Uttlesford District Council's Planning Committee, consideration was given to the application by Gladman to build up to 220 new homes to the north of Bedwell Road. The site is half in Ugley parish and half in Henham parish, but the greatest impact would be on Elsenham. All three parishes objected to the proposal, which was rejected unanimously by the Committee.

Essex Highways, true to form, objected and then withdrew the objections. Access would be immediately adjacent to the motorway and the route to the site is spectacularly bad - it is conceded that most traffic would use the narrow lane to the west, with its eight sharp bends in under a mile before reaching the B1383.

The Committee cited a shopping list of reasons for refusal: harm to the countryside, distance from facilities, poor air quality, noise and insufficient infrastructure. That might seem enough to put anyone off, but there is no doubt that Gladman will appeal, citing Uttlesford's lack of a five-year housing land supply and lack of a Local Plan. On the other side of Bedwell Road, determination is awaited of the application to cram in up to 50 dwellings in a small patch of land previously advertised for grazing, which fooled no-one.

At the conclusion of the Appeal Inquiry into Uttlesford District Council's refusal of an increase in passenger numbers at Stansted Airport, the Airport gave notice at the last possible moment of its intention to claim for costs against UDC on the grounds of 'unreasonable behaviour'. Both sides were given time to make their case.

The Airport's claim ran to 22 pages. UDC countered with 55 pages and ran through a full lexicon of abuse, including: inexcusably late, fatal flaw, totally unsatisfactory, no lawful basis, procedural injustice, exercise of shadow boxing, gross oversimplification, complete mischaracterisation, disingenuous, and devoid of any substance or merit. The Airport (the applicant always gets the last word) countered with a final 13 pages, including: preposterous hyperbole, completely absurd, complete misapprehension, hopeless argument, complete and unacceptable mischaracterisation, and illegitimate attack. In the verbal vituperation stakes, UDC had the greater quantity, but the Airport possibly just shaded it on quality.

As if that wasn't enough fun, late in the day came the announcement of a significant shift in Government policy, in that the sixth 'Carbon Budget' is specifically to include the UK's share of international aviation emissions. The parties were invited by the Inspectorate to comment. UDC made a first-rate submission, but then spoilt it by reiterating the call for approval subject to conditions, rather than outright rejection. Stop Stansted Expansion was steadfastly true to its name. Whether the Inspectorate will be swayed in reaching a decision by the Glasgow Climate Change Conference at Glasgow in November is an interesting question.

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Is the end in sight?

I wrote this time last month. Well, I do believe it is. At the time of writing the government is preparing to allow more socialising, resume church services (with some constraints), ease restrictions on weddings and funerals, open up pubs, restaurants and hotels, amongst others. Let's hope by the time you read this, all these things and more will have come to pass.

Moving on to what we, your Church Fabric Fund, are hoping to do, we think it would be good to celebrate our renewed freedom in some way, and the chances of holding our twice-delayed Christmas Tree Festival seem to be improving by the week – at least that's what we are hoping. Plans are afoot! Just watch *Elsenham News* and keep an eye on the local websites - we will let you know our plans as soon as we can. Until then, stay safe and don't hesitate to take your vaccinations when offered!

JUNE AT U3A STANSTED

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Wednesday 2 June is U3A day. To mark this event a History Walk around Stansted entitled "Walking in the Footsteps of the Victorian Gardeners of Stansted Hall" will be led by Kate Birbeck. Further information will be sent to all members by email mid-May and, as numbers will be limited, places will be given on a first come, first served basis. However, if there is a great deal of interest, we hope to organise further similar walks later this year.

All being well, the Government's wished for end of lockdown on 21 June will be followed by a social meeting on Thursday, 24 June with tea, cakes and the opportunity to chat and catch up from 1.30pm in St. John's Hall. We look forward to seeing all members.

A full programme of speakers for the rest of 2021 has been booked. On 15 July we look forward to Alan Hayes giving his talk entitled "Baby Boom Generation and Nostalgia". On 17 July, we have arranged a Saturday seminar; Jeremy Batch will be presenting The Story of Navigation, 2000 BC to 2020 AD. Look out for Sally Rich's newsletter for more info about this and news of the various groups that will start up very soon.

There are still a few rooms in The Royal Hotel in Weymouth from 20 - 24 September. Visits to Mottifont Abbey, Swanage Steam Railway, Corfe Castle, Dorchester & Bridport are included (£439 excl. National Trust entry fees.) Please contact the above number and leave a message for Nigel Johnson if interested.

Hopefully we will hold the AGM in August and our Christmas Lunch on 16 December at Bury Lodge.

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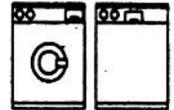
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Tips for statues, ornaments and pots:

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- Offenders will not want to break valuable containers - however they may still opt to lift out the plant --this is where the Plant Anchors can help.
- Make the plant pot heavier with a layer of gravel at the bottom.
- Some planters/pots can be marked/post-coded /etched carefully with a small Hobbyist drill or an indelible pen can work sometimes on the base.
- Hanging baskets can be secured with chains or cable ties but there is a danger the offender may simply wrench from the fixing point making even greater damage.
- Where possible position statues, ornaments etc in view of the house and neighbours.
- Photograph more unusual ornaments with a scale rule included, and where possible ensure these ornaments are in view of a house and have good lighting. Consider using a property marking product.
- Only buy ornaments from a reputable source and report any suspicions to Police/Trading Standards.

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As summer arrives, we hope that readers will continue to enjoy the walks listed on 🌐 www.hundredparishes.org.uk. These varied routes provide a wonderful opportunity to appreciate the variety of wildflowers growing in field margins, hedgerows, verges, churchyards and village greens.

After this season's chilly start, the warmer days have encouraged an abundance of flowers to provide essential nectar and pollen to support visiting pollinators. With the increasing concern about the alarming reduction in insect numbers, many of those caring for green spaces have adopted the 'NO MOW IN MAY' approach to grass maintenance, where the uncut grassy places can support a surprisingly large number of different native species. Their flowers add variety to these areas and the bees benefit as well!

Wayside plants such as stinging nettles, goosegrass (the long, hairy plant that sticks to your socks) and cow parsley thrive alongside lanes and tracks. Cow parsley, with its spray of tiny white flowers, can grow as high as a person. A touch of pink is often added by the flowers of red campion, also known as Bachelor's Buttons as it might have been worn as a buttonhole by unmarried men.

Common bright yellow flowers include Dandelions and the shiny golden petals of a great variety of Buttercups. The tall Ox-eye Daisy is often present where wildflower mixtures have been sown. In recent years these have become a common sight beside new roadways.



The types of wild flower I have listed can be seen and enjoyed almost everywhere in the Hundred Parishes. There are many more varieties to be seen and occasionally something quite rare. For smart phone users there are apps to help with identification, but we do not have to be experts to appreciate and enjoy nature's abundance.

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SCOUTING NEWS

By Matt Morland (Baloo) 📞 495586



And so, we are back to face-to-face Scouting, with our first eight indoor and outdoor meetings under our belts! It's been great to see our Beavers and Cubs meeting again, rekindling friendships and having fun together. A big thank you to Henham Village Hall and Parish Council for providing our meeting spaces this term.

Beavers have been working on their Communicator, Safety, Outdoors and Adventure badges by learning about phonetics and codes, along with map reading and a treasure hunt around Henham. Cubs have been learning the history and



traditions of Scouting, including St George's Day (our Patron Saint), worked with Morse Code and fibre optics, and held a gardening evening making tools from recycled materials and planting sunflowers. All of our Beavers and Cubs have also taken part in an exciting Judo evening with Bishop's Stortford Judokwai.

We are delighted to have been able to offer places to six Beavers and ten Cubs this term, with our waiting list continuing to grow. We are planning to start a Scout Troop in September, providing activities, opportunities and long-term personal development for young people aged 10-14 years, for which there is a clear shortcoming in our community. This will in turn create the bridge between our community Scouting activities and the District's Young Leader programme, in the hope that our Scouters will return to us as Leaders in the future.



We continue to look for ways to increase the number of places available with our Group, as our Beavers and Cubs Sections remain heavily oversubscribed with a projected requirement to double our membership within the next 12 months, but for this we require more volunteer leaders. In conjunction with National Volunteers' Week (1st to 7th Jun 2021) and Scouting UK, Essex Scouts are running a recruitment campaign to attract more volunteers. More information can be found at: <https://www.scouts.org.uk/volunteer/volunteering-with-scouts/>





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Thought for the month

Hopefully our imprisonment from lockdown will be largely over as you read this – Boris permitting. It is a cheap question but still appropriate ‘what lessons have we learnt?’ Some would say ‘if there is a God, why did He not stop the pandemic? I would reply ‘Do you remember the SARS & MERS viruses that petered out a few years back, or the catastrophic volcanic eruption in Yellowstone that He prevented or the devastating tidal wave in the Atlantic from a huge landslip in the Canary Islands worse than the Boxing Day tsunami that He also prevented?’

CS Lewis (author of the Narnia Chronicles etc..) said that, ‘Pain is God’s megaphone to rouse a deaf world’.

God created all this world (ourselves included) and the bible says that He loves all that He has created especially we humans (Isa 43). He created us to have a personal relationship with him who is a holy and loving God. When He sees us going our own way instead of His way then He tries to grab our attention and expose our frailty. He reminds us that ‘we are like grass that withers and the flowers fall but the word of our God stands for ever’ (Isa 40 7-8).

So Lewis’ quote comes true. But so often our response is to rely on our own efforts to overcome life’s problems. This is not to say that He does not give us the ability to combat the problem as witnessed by the remarkable speed and success of the vaccines for which

we are all most grateful. But God looks much deeper into our hearts and sees our ultimate need that often expresses itself in our quieter moments ‘what is the meaning of life – is this all there is?’ By ourselves, we can’t search for God, but we find that all along He has been gently knocking at the door of our hearts but the noise of this world has caught our attention and drowned out His voice.

All He asks is that we realise that we can’t really live a fruitful life without Him and understand that for a holy God to be a part of our lives we need to apologise for all the hurt we have caused Him (the bible calls this sin). To repent of our sins means to acknowledge we need His forgiveness that He provided in what Jesus did for us by dying in our place on the cross and to receive the Holy Spirit into our lives who will be our companion until we die.

I know that I keep failing to live up to His standards for me, but by bringing my failings before Him, he picks me up and dusts me down and points my feet in the right direction.

Richard Peake

Churchwarden

Church Services

We have now restarted some in-person services

The service pattern is as follows:

6th June: 1st Sunday after Trinity

10.00am Holy Communion, Elsenham

13th June: 2nd Sunday after Trinity

10.00am Morning Service, Ugley

11.15am Morning Service, Henham

20th June: 3rd Sunday after Trinity

8.45am Morning Prayer, Elsenham

10.00am Morning Service, Ugley

27th June: 4th Sunday after Trinity

8.45am Morning Prayer, Elsenham

11.15am Morning Service, Henham

This is subject to regular review in line with the government roadmap out of lockdown.

We are also still meeting 'virtually':

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Other regular events

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Parents are sent material for each week's session, to be done at home. Term time only.

Elsenham Sunday Club/Explorers

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

Henham Sunday Club (age 5-Y3)

We continue to send an audio file, a picture story and activities to parents by email.

Henham Explorers (Y4-Y6)

Not currently running. Contact the administrator to be sent weekly material.

Christian Play (Y1-Y2)

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

Henham Little Fishes pre-school

group Thursdays, 10.15am

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

Elsenham Little Fishes pre-school

group

Fridays, 10.00am at Elsenham

Memorial Hall during term-time. Now meeting in-person for parents & care givers and pre-school children. Join us for singing, Bible stories, craft and games.

Pathfinders (Y7-9) – Sundays, 6pm

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Crammin' (Y10-Y13) Sun evenings, 7pm

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When he retired on 5 January 1984, Henry (Harry) Cook had served British Railways for 34 years. He started his career at Thaxted, the terminus of the 'Gin 'n' Toffee' line before moving to Elsenham as a porter on the closure of the branch in 1953.

Once at Elsenham, he was responsible for selling tickets, tending the gardens and operating the crossing gates. Being a keen gardener he was responsible for many of the splendid flower displays on the station, winning several 'Best Kept Station' awards that can still be seen hanging in the booking office. Harry lived in North Cottage in Fuller's End and was well known in the village so it was little surprise that on his retirement a surprise party was held for him arranged by Sylvia Bishop, the then proprietor of Country Newspapers which was the shop across from the station. Many of his passengers attended and his farewell card was signed by more than 150 people. On his retirement he was a widower but married again in 1993 to Betty Copping. He sadly passed away in Addenbrookes Hospital on 4 August 1997.

We are very grateful to the family of Harry Cook who have donated a box of his effects including his uniform cap and jacket. There are also many photographs which are now in our webmaster's work stack for scanning and cataloguing.

In 1985, Stuart Witkin, then preparing for his 'O' levels, produced a paper entitled "The Morphology of Elsenham." which examined how Elsenham developed from its earliest days to the then present day. The paper gives a fascinating insight into our village as it was in the mid-1980s. The full document containing many photographs and diagrams will be available on our website to coincide with the publication of this magazine. A little taster may be found below and our thanks go to Stuart for giving us permission to reproduce his paper.

"The Morphology of Elsenham – An Extract: Elsenham is a rapidly expanding village of over two thousand people. It is now dominated by twentieth century housing developments. There is a good range of services and facilities these include two grocers, a butcher, a post office, a confectioners and news agents a hard ware store, a hairdresser, TWO garages, TWO public houses, a church a community centre and also a modern doctor's surgery. It has its own joint-use village hall next to the Primary School. A bus service runs on weekdays to Stortford. Trains run to Cambridge and London."

Stuart concludes the report with these words: "The Village has grown so greatly in the last 30 years that now any further development is prevented by the building line." Hmm... if only.

As I mentioned last month our June meeting will not be taking place as restrictions will not be lifted until a couple of weeks after the due date. However restrictions will hopefully be lifted in time to allow the Village Fete to go ahead on 26 June. So all being well, we will have a stand there and will look forward to catching up with members and friends both there and at a meeting in September.



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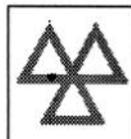
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By Linda Reid, Headteacher



The summer term is now well under way and it is wonderful to be able to make full use of the field and surrounding areas now that the weather has improved. We are very lucky to have such fabulous resources for the children to enjoy!

More generally, and in line with the easing of restrictions nationally, we continue to reintroduce some important aspects of school life. One of the most heart-warming of these has been the reintroduction of the role of Reading Buddies, where our oldest children pair with our youngest children to promote a shared love of reading. The year 6 children received training for this important role earlier this month and the first sessions have now taken place and have been a great success. This provides a wonderful opportunity for the children to be able to build special relationships, which are enjoyed by all concerned.

This term we have also made the most of the re-introduction of the Daily Mile for our older children. We hope that this will provide a positive start to each day and help to restore their fitness levels to pre-COVID levels. We also hope to reintroduce our Sports Day events this year, following the cancellation of last year's due to the national lockdown. All being well, the first part of the event is planned for the afternoon of Tuesday 22 June, when the children will take part in the House Competition and will seek to gain points for their respective houses. The individual races are expected to take place shortly afterwards and we hope to welcome parents to this event to cheer their children on. Fingers crossed that all will go according to plan!

School trips are also back on the agenda for the summer term, with trips to the beach and to the forest proving to be particularly popular choices amongst the list of destinations. We are not yet resuming any residential visits for the remainder of the year, although these are now permitted under the current regulations, but hope instead that these can resume next year, when we hope that life is more settled again.

This month we have seen the safe arrival of a new baby for a member of staff. Miss Shivers. Another one of our class teachers has given birth to a second baby girl, Mia. Both mum and baby are doing really well and have returned home safely. Although very busy, they are very much enjoying becoming a family of four.

To help celebrate the new arrival and the impending birth of babies for Mrs McCraith, our DHT, and Mrs Draper, our AHT, members of our Well-being Committee hosted a baby shower, which was attended by as many staff members as possible. It was wonderful to be able to share in such good news at a time when there are so many families experiencing difficulties at this time.

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NATURAL OUTLOOK

By Heather Salvidge ☎ 814153



Mid-summer is the time when some of my favourite flowers are in bloom; sulphur clover is one of them. You will probably be familiar with the red or white clover but may not be with their sulphur yellow 'cousin'. Its flowerhead is very similar in shape, but the colour is whitish yellow, and it has a pair of leaves tucked right up under it. It is found in a number of Special Roadside Verges round here: at Burton End by the airport, on both sides of the B1051 road, just before Broxted church as you travel towards Thaxted, and in a patch or two at the side of BR5, as it approaches the side of the Elsenham Golf Course. Another yellow favourite found along there is the common rock rose, a lovely little low-growing flower on woody stems with small soft green leaves that are silver on the underside. It has five mid-yellow petals with one bloom or more at the end of the stems. It likes soil with some chalk in it, which is why it is local. I have seen it on the Broxted verge, but it is one of those plants that disappear from time to time.

One plant that has, for me, a misleading name is grass of Parnassus. I first saw it in Ireland in a marshy habitat and was startled when I saw it in an English bog. It is not at all grass like; to begin with it is rather waxy and has several straight stems, up to 4-10 inches tall, each bearing a single five-petaled white flower. It has low down heart-shaped leaves that stay low. It likes bogs, wet grasslands and fens, which is why you could see it in, say, Wicken Fen, or in Colton Marshes in Suffolk.



Another white flower, a favourite though not rare, is meadow sweet, a perennial well over two feet tall. It bears a fluffy head of teeny flowers in a creamy white 'ball' at the top of the stem and, especially on hot days, smells lovely. It too likes a bit of chalk in the soil and some damp, so I'm looking to see if it can be introduced to the wildflower patch in The Spinney, if I can make a spot wet enough for it.



As we are now permitted to take trips beyond local ones, if you head to the coast, and get closer to it, in a relatively rural bits around say Mersea or Fingringhoe, you will see alexanders along many of the hedgerow verges. This is a tall plant, one of the umbellifers i.e. it has a flower head like cow parsley, but its flowers are yellow-green. It is one of those plants where the stems

become hollow and these are a glossy green as are its leaves, which have the form of several sections per leaf. They are salt tolerant, so if you come across them, it means you're getting near the sea.

Lastly there is pepper saxifrage, another tall plant that looks like a yellow flowered robust cow parsley. There used to be a large patch of it at the bottom of Molehill Green. It seems to have been mown off, a great pity, but I look forward to its return.



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On the Street where you live-Peter Burridge-Alsa Gardens

Peter moved to this village from High Wych in 1998. He was born in Old Harlow where he attended school. For a short while he was a Boy Scout but by his own admission only because they had a good football team. Football was his love and his football skill was soon noticed. He had an illustrious career. One of his greatest moments was playing aged 15 for the Essex Youth Team at Wembley and beating Middlesex Youth in the final. As a professional footballer he played first for Leyton Orient and finally Charlton Athletic. His career spanned time at Crystal Palace and Millwall. He knew many 'greats' rubbing shoulders with Bobby Moore, Geoff Hurst and Martin Peters.

It was not long after the move to Elsenham that he found the Elsenham Bowls and Social Club. He was soon to be found on the bowling green together with John Farnsworth, his immediate neighbour. They played for Elsenham club, both becoming regular bowlers. Alsa Gardens would foster many friendships. The estate residents were shopping and helping each other during the Covid Pandemic.

He told me that coming to Elsenham and moving to Alsa Gardens was one of the best things he had ever done. Coming from Old Harlow you became used to housing development on your doorstep. Close to the railway station, the M11 and the bus route and within close walking distance of fields and the countryside, the village was a great place to live. He fervently hopes that soon all would return to normal and the many local clubs and societies would return. Peter wishes everyone well. Perhaps he will see them on Elsenham Bowls Club Green (or in the bar.)

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THE OTHER BENNET SISTER by Janice Hadlow

Reviewed by Marion Giles



'In Jane Austen's Pride and Prejudice, Mary is the middle of the five Bennet girls and the plainest of them all, so what hope does she have? Prim and pious, with no redeeming features, she is unloved and seemingly unlovable. The Other Bennet Sister, though, shows another side to Mary. An introvert in a family of extroverts; a constant disappointment to her mother who values beauty above all else; fearful of her father's sharp tongue; with little in common with her siblings – is it any wonder she turns to books for both company and guidance? And, if she finds her life lonely or lacking, she determines to try harder at the one thing she can be: right. One by one, her sisters marry – Jane and Lizzy for love; Lydia for some semblance of respectability – but Mary, it seems, is destined to remain single and live out her life at Longbourn, at least until her father dies and the house is bequeathed to the reviled Mr Collins. But when that fateful day finally comes, she slowly discovers that perhaps there is hope for her, after all...'
So says the blurb on the back of the book.

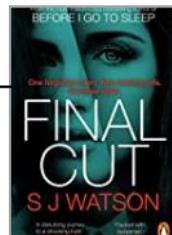
In an unusual twist on our usual choices, this month's readings were split between *The Other Bennet Sister* and *Final Cut*. Those who read *The Other Bennet Sister* felt it was a book of two halves but were divided on which half was best. The conclusion was that this book was best enjoyed by Jane Austen fans who have read *Pride and Prejudice*.

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FINAL CUT by SJ Watson

Reviewed by Marion Giles



'Blackwood Bay. An ordinary place, home to ordinary people.

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Blackwood Bay. An ordinary place, home to an extraordinary secret. ...'
So says the blurb on the back of the book.

Those who read this book felt it was not so much a psychological thriller as a psychological non-thriller. The plot was thin, the characters were not likeable and generally the book seemed quite poorly written. The conclusion was that this book was best avoided by readers who like intrigue and mystery.

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By Petra Studholme 📞 01279 814667



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Our membership fees are amongst the lowest in the area and it is quick and easy to join, just sign up online.

Individual membership: £65

Senior: £40

Student: £35

Junior: £15

Couple: £115

Family: £125

We have floodlights that allow us to play until 10.30pm as well as regular club nights, competitive league play (including inter-club), ladies' mornings and coaching (individual and group lessons). Court bookings are all online, you will get your own key and we will show you how to operate the lights via tokens you can purchase from us. To find out more, visit our website www.elsenhamtennisclub.co.uk, or you can get in touch via Facebook or mail@elsenhamtennisclub.co.uk.

Please note that unless all restrictions are lifted we cannot accommodate court hire for non-members.

Village Fete on 26 June 1-4pm – come and have a go:

Elsenham Tennis Club will hopefully open its courts during the Village Fete if everything goes to plan. What we are allowed to do remains to be determined at this point but we are planning activities such as test your serve speed, kids play and adult mixed doubles.

Weekly schedule: now up and running.

Tuesday evening – club night

Wednesday morning – ladies' morning

Thursday evening – two group coaching sessions

Friday morning – ladies' morning

Sunday afternoon – leisure play

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



April was a record month in many ways – more frosts and more sunshine than ever before. Down at the Hall we have also broken a record – 34 children aged between 5 and 8 have signed up for our 'All Stars' programme.

Our under 10, 13, and 15 teams will soon be starting to play matches in the local West Essex League travelling only as far as Saffron Walden, High Roding, and Theydon. The club has a total of 75 juniors this season.

The senior teams got off to a winning start in the Herts & Essex Border League with victories over North Weald and Takeley II. The Sunday XI has started well with a mixture of experienced players and youngsters. At last the club has acquired an umpire – Fred Frindle. Thank you Fred.

Our main ground is looking lovely but we could do with some rain to give the dry outfield some colour. It is unfortunate that on coaching evenings parents have to stay well away from the pavilion and either stay in their cars or drive home, hopefully this will change later in the season. The ground at Molehill Green is ready for use and a big thank you goes out to all who have made the transformation possible. The pavilion is now back in service and the outfield and wicket are unrecognisable compared to a year ago.

What we really need now is some warmth. It has been bitterly cold over the last month. We are looking for people to help with coaching on a Friday evening. The club will advise you on what initial qualifications you will need. If you are interested in cricket and are looking for a local club visit our website or contact me.

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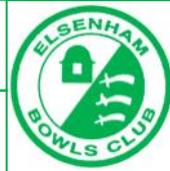
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ELSENHAM BOWLS AND SOCIAL CLUB

By Sue Waite ✉ suewaite2003@yahoo.co.uk



Hello everyone and welcome back. Hopefully when you read this we will be almost out of lockdown, the Bowls Club would be open and back to business as usual.

We have a full programme of bowls games which you are very welcome to come and watch whilst downing a drink from the bar. What better way to spend a sunny afternoon. If you would rather play than watch you would be very welcome to join us on the Green. The bar is open every Monday, Wednesday and Friday from 7pm onwards. Membership details are on the website: ebc@elsenhambc.org.uk

We have Open House on June 26 at the Village Fete – come and see what we have to offer and have some fun on the Green.

We are running a Charity Quiz on 3 July and Bingo on 17 July. Obviously, this is dependent on any Covid restrictions.

After June 21 when all restrictions are due to be lifted we hope to bring back darts and pool at the club.

Elsenham Bowls and Social Club is here for you so please come and join us or if we don't offer what you like then tell us, suggestions are always welcome. Take care and stay safe.

Popular Dementia Activity Group Reopens in Dunmow

People living with dementia can once again benefit from a hugely popular weekly Activity Group in Dunmow run by Essex-based charity Action for Family Carers which has reopened following four months of closure due to the COVID-19 pandemic.



Many people attend similar groups mixing with others and participating in a variety of mentally and physically stimulating activities ranging from seated exercise, indoor bowling, reminiscence discussions and games often including music. The groups are led by a small team of professional and caring staff and a large number of dedicated local volunteers. Morning sessions, called Keeping Active, focus on physical activity and afternoon sessions, called Active Minds, focus on activities to stimulate the mind.

The Activity Group takes place in Great Canfield Village Hall near Dunmow on Mondays 10-12.30pm and 1-3.30pm and new members are welcome.

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COOKERY CORNER

By Sue Johnson ☎ 812704



FRUIT AND NUT GRANOLA (serves 8-10)

- 12 oz (350g) jumbo oats
- 1 heaped teaspoon cinnamon
- 4½ oz (125g) mixed nuts (walnuts, almonds, cashews, pecans etc)
- Pinch of salt
- 3 oz (75g) melted unsalted butter
- 3fl oz (70ml) maple syrup
- 4½ oz (125g) mixed dried fruit (raisins, sultanas, cranberries, chopped apricots)

Heat the oven to 180°C/160°C fan/gas 4.

In a large bowl, toss the oats with the cinnamon, mixed nuts and pinch of salt. Stir through the melted butter and maple syrup.

Place mixture onto a baking sheet and put in the oven for 35-40 minutes or until golden brown, stirring halfway through the cooking time.

Allow to cool down completely, then stir through mixed dried fruit. Store in an airtight glass jar. Will keep for up to six weeks.

CHEF'S SUGGESTIONS: You could use salted butter, but don't add further salt to the mix. Make a vegan version using coconut oil instead of the unsalted butter. For a change, add some coconut chips along with the dried fruit.

A simple mixture of nuts and dried fruits also makes a delicious snack. Add sunflower and/or pumpkin seeds for extra crunch.

FROM THE PARISH REGISTERS

Funeral:

- Service of Thanksgiving on 19 May 2021 at St Mary's Church, Henham, followed by a burial at Henham Cemetery, George Albert Baker, of Old Mead Lane, Henham.

Burial of Ashes:

- On 10 May 2021 at St Peter's Church Ugley Churchyard, Evelyn Batchelor.

Editorial Information

Articles

The **last day** for editors to receive articles, advertising and letters, which must contain the author's name and address (which may be withheld), is **the 12th of each month**.

Articles should ideally consist of a half page of A5 or a full page of A5. Articles over these sizes or letters containing more than 500 words may be edited depending on space.

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Dates for the Diary must include date, event, venue and time.

Please submit all articles, adverts, letters and queries to the editorial team at: elsenhamsnews@hotmail.co.uk

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