

Elsenham News



Elsenham Flower Show Society

SATURDAY AUGUST 15

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June 2026

Elsenham Village Regular Monthly or Quarterly Activities

Parish Council 1st **Monday** of month 7.45pm (excl. Bank Holidays) Memorial Hall
 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
 Natter Night 2nd **Tuesday** of month 7.30pm The Crown
 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
 Women's Wellness Breakfast Club last Friday of month 9.20am Bowls & Social
 Elsenham Farmers' Market last **Saturday** of month 12.30-2.30pm Village Hall

June 2026 diary

Mon 1	Parish Council Meeting	Memorial Hall 7.45pm
Tues 2	Henham & District Garden Soc.	Memorial Hall 2pm for 2.30pm
Tues 2 & 16	Elsenham Community Choir	Village Hall 7pm
Thurs 4 & 18	Community Supermarket	O/S Memorial Hall 1.30-3.30pm
Sun 7	Wild Picnic	Community Garden 1-4pm
Tues 9	Natter Night	The Crown 7.30pm
Tues 9 & 23	Life Drawing	Village Hall 7.30pm
Wed 10	Village History Society	Memorial Hall 7.45pm for 8pm
Wed 10, 12 & 14	Energy Saving Showcase	Bowls & Social Club (see p17)
Fri 12 & 26	Church Lunch Club	Memorial Hall 12.30pm
Sat 13	Bingo	Bowls & Social Club 7.30 for 8pm
Sun 14	Go Green at Gorsefield	Grove Hill, Stansted 11am-3pm
Thurs 21	Elsenham WI	Memorial Hall 7.45pm
Sat 20	Music Night	Bowls & Social Club 8pm
Mon 22	Elsenham Eagles	Bowls & Social Club 7.30pm
Sat 27	Farmers Market	Village Hall 12.30 – 2.30pm
Sun 28	EFSS Open Gardens	Various locations 10am-3pm
Sun 28	Charity Village Bake Off	Bowls & Social Club 2pm



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Elsenham Village Regular Weekly Activities

Day	Time	Activity	Location
Monday	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)
	4.30-5.30pm	Rascals (5-7yrs)	Memorial Hall (term time)
	5.30-7pm	Rascals (8-12yrs)	Memorial Hall (term time)
Tuesday	9.30-11.30am	Village Café Coffee	Memorial Hall
	12.15-1pm	Touchpoint Food Share	Memorial Hall
	4.45-5.45pm	Rainbows	Memorial Hall (term-time)
	4.45-5.45pm	Beavers	Ugley Village Hall (term-time)
	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
Wednesday	8pm	Fitness Yoga/Pilates	Memorial Hall
	9.45-11.30	Tots and Toddlers	Memorial Hall
	6.30-7.15pm	Women's Strength and Mobility	Village Hall
	7-9pm	Scouts	Ugley Village Hall (term-time)
Thursday	7.30pm	Aerobics	Elsenham Village Hall
	9-10am	Teddy Bear Music	Memorial Hall (term-time)
	9.30-10.45am	Buffy Playbus	Crocus Drive (see website)
	6-7.15pm	Cubs (Bear Pack)	Ugley Village Hall (term-time)
Friday	6.45-7.45pm	Jump Fit	Elsenham Village Hall
	10-11am	Little Fishes	Memorial Hall (term-time)
Saturday	8.15am-1pm	Tarte au Citroen	Playing Field
	8.45am-12pm	Youth boys & girls football	Playing Field
	9-11.15am	Forte Dance Class	Memorial Hall
	8.45-9.30am	Little Kickers Mighty	Village Hall (term time)
	9.35-10.20am	Little Kickers Junior	Village Hall (term time)
	10.25-11.10am	Little Kickers Tots	Village Hall (term time)



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THE NEWS REPORT

From The Editors



It's nearly summer!

As we finish putting this together the thermometer is reading around 33 degrees and we could really do with a break! After all, we are only human!

As humans, we sometimes makes mistakes and occasionally someone will be let down. With that in mind we owe our hard working district councillors an apology for missing their article last month - let's hope it didn't influence the elections!

All our contributors should rest assured that we do our utmost to ensure they appear and we would never deliberately omit an article unless absolutely necessary.

The finer weather is always the starting pistol for so many village activities and our cover page highlights the annual Elsenham Flower Show Society competition. It's always so inspiring to see how many people get involved with this, and across all age groups. We truly hope they have a great year!

On the subject of extreme heat, if you have an elderly neighbour do please check in on them and make sure they are coping as well as possible. A little kindness and a helping hand is normally so appreciated.

So dear readers, please enjoy the (May) weather and let's hope it remains bright and sunny the whole summer through.

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April and May have been very busy months for the Parish Council. Our Annual Governance and Accountability return has been partly completed, and the Internal Audit has taken place. These will be reported on at our next Parish Council meeting and publicly available once completed. We held our Annual Parish Council Meeting and Annual Parish Meeting which was finished with tea and cake.

We have received several emails regarding the blocked route between the Bloor development and Hailes Wood and would like to emphasise that this is privately owned land, not owned by the Parish Council.

Our litter picker has been doing a fantastic job of keeping the village clean and tidy and will soon undertake a cleaning schedule to include the bus stops around the village.

It is growing season and plot holders on both allotment sites have been doing a great job of cultivating their plots. The Flowerbed Committee have replaced the planter on the corner of Robin Hood Road, which is brimming with beautiful flowers. Bulbs have also been planted in other flower beds throughout the village and there are plans to add two new planters below the Elsenham signs as you enter the village from Stansted.

The Communication Committee has been organising a refresh of the Elsenham Parish Council website which we hope will include lots of new images of the village. These will also be shared with the History Society for others to look back on in the future.

The Playing Field play equipment has been jet-washed and cleaned in time for the warmer weather, and our annual RoSPA inspection is due to be carried out some time in May.

Dog Waste bins have been a concern amongst residents over the last few weeks so I have included a link below where you can report dog waste if a bin has not been emptied, or waste has not been picked up by dog owners. [Street care and cleaning - Uttlesford District Council](#)

The football pitch and pavillion at the Bloor site are nearing completion. The Chairman, a representative of EYFC and I will be visiting the site in a couple of weeks to view progress. This will be a great asset to the village and we look forward to it being used next season.

Lastly, I am always happy to help answer any queries or concerns you may have or direct you to the most appropriate service for help and advice. Please email me on parishclerk@elsenhams-pc.gov.uk

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DEVELOPMENT DEVELOPMENTS

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Last month, I related how Uttlesford District Council's Planning Committee had considered an application for an industrial development at Green Street. After over two hours of earnest discussion, they decided to defer a decision. This month, they discussed it for over three hours, and eventually decided that the application must be refused.

The proposal was obviously in conflict with the Local Plan, which was approved after years of effort as recently as 25 March. There was much discussion regarding the impact on the Four Ashes crossroads. Takeley Parish Council had commissioned their own transport report, which recommended refusal, inevitably in conflict with the applicants' report - developers always commission lots of 'independent' reports, which somehow always come down on their side. Essex Highways did not oppose the application. But they did at least send a representative, who was subjected to some close questioning by members of the Committee. Eventually highways concerns were not included in the reasons for refusal.

After much to and fro, the Committee decided that the Local Plan could hardly be out of date already, and the reasons for refusal were agreed. The Plan provides for 5.5 hectares of office space on the site, whereas the application applied for 15.39 hectares of warehouses, giving two reasons for refusal. The extra area is in the Stansted Airport Countryside Protection Zone. The application does not meet the criteria for new employment development on unallocated sites, and it is at too great a distance from the strategic road network.

The applicants will probably appeal. They always do.

There has been much understandably adverse comment regarding the parking operation at New Farm, on the other side of the motorway and therefore in Stansted parish. Uttlesford District Council issued an Enforcement Notice on 14 August 2025, to take effect as from 22 September 2025. It stated that the use of the land for parking should cease, vehicles and hardstanding should be removed and the land returned to its previous state. That all seems clear enough - obviously the owner thought so too, since an appeal was lodged almost immediately.

The reasons for the appeal are at an advanced level of rubbishy nonsense. It's claimed that there is no distinction in the Notice between vehicles on site for lawful purposes and those there incidental to the unauthorised use (but there are no vehicles there lawfully). Furthermore, it's claimed there is insufficient time to cease bookings and find elsewhere for vehicles to park (they could cease bookings now, and there is ample parking at the Airport). Also - and this really is the one to savour - enforcement would have a detrimental effect on the owner's income - which could be compared to a burglar pleading not to be jailed since he has a particularly lucrative heist planned for next week. Matters rest there. No action has been taken due to a shortage of personnel at the Planning Inspectorate, meaning that the appeal will not be considered for many months. Meanwhile the operation is allowed to continue.

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How quickly time goes by! It has been a year since the last printed copy of Elsenham News dropped on your doormat. Since then, the magazine has only been available online. With that in mind I thought it might be interesting to look at some of the goings on in the Village from 40 odd years ago taken from original 1982 newsheets.

Outline proposals were published for a new school hall to be built to the west of the old school building that would in part replace the existing Village Hall which, having been built at the turn of the twentieth century was becoming increasingly difficult if not impossible to maintain. It would also become non-viable financially as most of its income came from school hirings. Work on the hall started in June and by the start of the new school year in September was well advanced, although not without some disruption as the school itself was being re-roofed and a new heating system provided. It was reported that the teachers' daily routine now included checking which doors could and couldn't be safely opened as well as those that mustn't be opened! In the event all went well and the new hall opened for business in March 1983.

The Parish Council advised that land acquisition was to go ahead to provide a pavement outside the Crown Inn which it was hoped would be complete by the end of the year. Another proposal for a pavement outside the Station Garage (now Hunters Court) and along the length of New Road was put forward for consideration by the Highways Department.

In June a highly successful mini-marathon (the second) was held in the Village raising £3,080 for charity. In October, PC Dix moved into the new Police house on Station Road to take up Rural Beat Duties in Elsenham and the surrounding Villages.

At the end of the year, 100 children attended Ray Franklin's Tens to Tots Christmas Party. Here they enjoyed a magician, Punch & Judy and carol singing before tucking into sandwiches, cakes, crisps and orange juice. To conclude proceedings, Father Christmas arrived, escorted by Busby (of BT fame, remember him?) to give out presents to the children.

Thanks for the above must go to the Editors past and present of the newsletter and magazine and their band of willing volunteers and contributors.

Our next meeting will be held on Wednesday June 10 at 8pm in the Memorial Hall. Our speaker for the evening will be Martin Rose who will talk about the "Railways Around Audley End". Having recently written a book on the subject, our speaker is extremely knowledgeable, and this promises to be a most interesting and informative evening. Do please come along, all are welcome and visitors still pay just £2.00. We look forward to seeing you there.

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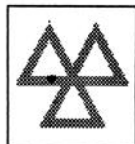
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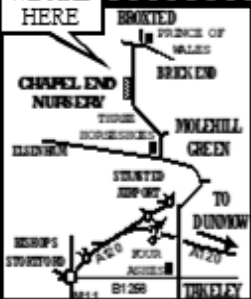
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ELSENHAM WOMEN'S INSTITUTE

By Moyra Jackson ☎ 647351



The gardens in Elsenham are beautiful just now – with all those flowers and greenery you can't help but smile.

We are all looking forward to this month's meeting. We have Maria Fernandez coming along to help us all look our best with her talk "How to Age Well". This meeting is on Thursday 18th June at 7:45pm. For members, the competition is "Something beginning with **W**".

Our meetings over the next few months are:

July 16 – Helen Wiseman, Watercolour Artist and Illustrator

August 20 – A Potted History of the WI with Jan Curtis

September 17 – Members Evening

Our sub-groups are keeping busy – we go out for lunch, have lovely walks and enjoy crafting. Whenever there is a good movie, some of us will venture up to the Saffron Screen too. We had a fabulous night out at Hunters Meet when they hosted a Country Music evening – lots of stetsons, cowboy boots and Yee Haa-ing going on!

We also joined around 600 members from across Essex for the Federation of Essex WIs Annual Meeting. It was really good to catch up with so many WI members.

All of this and more just by being a member and we accept new or returning members throughout the year and you can be sure of a warm welcome – plus, if you are lucky, some delicious cake.



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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The festival aims to showcase community-led climate action and practical sustainability initiatives across the region. With over 30 events planned the programme will cover a wide array of environmental themes, including nature recovery, clean energy, and the circular economy. The festival features a diverse mix of hands-on activities and high-profile discussions at various venues across the district. (See page 21)

Local events include:

Wild Picnic at Isabel Drive Community Garden Sunday 7 June 1 – 4pm

Families are warmly invited to join Elsenham EAGLES in the Community Garden to hear more about the project. Children's activities include: making a collaborative bug hotel & nature hunts to identify biodiversity within the site. Bring a picnic.

Energy saving showcase at Elsenham Bowls & Social Club

Wednesday 10 June 11:30am–1.30pm, Friday 12 June 5 - 9 pm, Sunday 14 June 2 - 5pm

Come and find out how a not-for-profit community organisation – Elsenham Bowls and Social Club – has significantly reduced its heating bill, electricity use and carbon footprint. It may not sound glamorous, but this kind of work is the foundation of any building services project aimed at lowering a building's environmental impact. All three dates have the same information - come to whichever suits you! During the three sessions the Club Bar will be open to our visitors and there will be an opportunity to step on our green and try the game of bowls.

Energy and Solar Tours at Therasas Church Hall Stansted CM24 8LQ.

Saturday June 13 10.30am – 3pm. This event offers talks, supplier stands, and guided tours of community buildings with solar power. Discover how to switch to green energy, see live demonstrations from local installers and get your questions answered by experts. A must-attend event for anyone ready to make smarter, greener choices. Free, open to all. Parking on site. Refreshments available. Low and no-cost ways to save energy and money; Going green with solar and batteries; Insulation options and experiences; Helping pay for it – grants funding and support; Heat pumps – real life costs and benefits.

Go Green at Gorsefield Sunday, June 14 11am – 3pm. An Open Day at Gorsefield Rural Studies and Outdoor Activity Centre, giving visitors the opportunity to explore the site, with tours of our orchard and kitchen garden areas. Booking essential.

For a full calendar of events and booking where required please use the calendar link below:

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Full Uttlesford Big Green Festival

A full programme of events has been announced for the upcoming Uttlesford Big Green Festival – an exciting, district wide celebration of community action on climate change, nature recovery and sustainability.

Taking place from 5 - 14 June, the festival is a collaboration between Uttlesford District Council and Sustainable Uttlesford and brings together community groups and residents to showcase the positive work already happening across Uttlesford – and to inspire more people to get involved.

Festival highlights

With over 30 events planned across 10 days, the programme spans a diverse range of themes and venues – including five core activities that anchor the festival:

Looking Back & Legacy: Uttlesford Zero Carbon and Community Action –

Friday 5 June, 6.15pm – UDC Offices, Saffron Walden – this event blends storytelling with reflection on the local achievements of the Zero Carbon Communities Fund, while looking ahead to the next phase of climate action.

Rivers and Chalk Streams: Collaboration and Catchments – Wednesday

10 June, 6.15pm – Foakes Hall, Great Dunmow – celebrate a new documentary film featuring community-led river restoration, showing how local efforts and collective imagination connect to wider catchment restoration.

The People’s Emergency Briefing – Thursday 11 June, 7.30pm, Saffron Walden Town Hall – this event’s centrepiece is a UK-wide film screening helping communities understand the climate crisis, followed by a post-screening panel of local experts and community-led discussion on what the film’s message means to Uttlesford.

The Imaginarium: Culture, Creativity & Climate – Friday 12 June, 7pm – Saffron Hall – an evening of music, food and film, shifting the discussion from reflection to imagination: how culture, creativity and storytelling can engage people with local climate and nature recovery.

Cut your energy bill, go green – Saturday 13 June, 10.30am to 3.30pm – St Theresa’s Church Hall, Stansted – discover how to switch to green energy, see live demonstrations from local installers and get your questions answered by experts.

People are encouraged to get involved, come along to the events and follow the festival across social media, sharing their experiences and ideas using the hashtag #UttlesfordBGF.

The full festival programme, including event details and booking information, is available at: www.uttlesford.gov.uk/green-festival

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TROPHIES

Class:

1. Boughton Trophy
2. The Johnson Cup
3. John Claydon Memorial Cup
6. Claydon Bowl
7. St. Mary's Church Shield
8. Elsenham Old Folks Club Rose Bowl
10. Newland Salver
25. EFSS Heaviest Marrow Cup
26. EFSS Heaviest Onion Cup

Class:

32. Walker Cup
39. George Sandford Cup
40. Freda Powell Trophy
45. Budden Trophy
47. Hackett Shield
49. Gladys Hudson Memorial Cup
50. Shirley Scutt Shield
53. Hilda Collett Memorial Cup

Chapel End Nursery Cup - awarded to the exhibitor gaining the most points in the Flower Section

Moat Farm Perpetual Cup - awarded to the exhibitor gaining the most points in the Vegetable Section

Oldacre Landscaping Cup - awarded to the winner of the best exhibit in the Flower Section

George Powell Trophy - awarded to the winner of the best exhibit in the Vegetable Section

EFSS Produce Cup - awarded to the exhibitor gaining the most points in the Produce Section

Elsenham WI Centenary Trophy - awarded to the winner of the best exhibit in the Baking Section

Super Cook Cup - awarded to the exhibitor gaining the most points in the Baking Section

Jubilee Cup - awarded to the exhibitor gaining the most points in the Flower Arranging Section

The Karen Sheerin Cup – awarded to the winner of the best exhibit in the Flower Arranging Section

Woolvin Trophy - awarded to the exhibitor gaining the most points in the Handicraft Section

The Café Cup - awarded to the winner of the best exhibit in the Handicraft Section

EFSS Photography Cup - awarded to the exhibitor gaining the most points in the Photography Section

Options Trophy - awarded to the best exhibit in Photography class

Richards Salver - awarded to the exhibitor gaining the most points overall who has never won a trophy at a previous EFSS show

Elsenham Parish Council Shield - awarded to the exhibitor gaining the most points overall in the Flower Show

SHOW SCHEDULE 2026

(* Trophy Classes)

FLOWER Classes:

1. Vase of Roses no more than 3 stems *
2. 3 Cactus, Ball or Pompom Dahlia Blooms *
3. 5 Stems (each one a different flower) *
4. Flower Heads floating in a saucer of water (6" saucers will be provided)
5. A Vase of Foliage – 5 kinds
6. My Best Bloom *
7. Flowering Pot Plant with saucer *
8. Foliage Pot Plant with saucer *
9. Succulent or Cactus in container – (max [20cm](#) diameter)
10. Fuchsias - 6 Flower Heads (mounts supplied) *
11. EFSS TOP VASE

VEGETABLE/FRUIT Classes:

All vegetables and fruit shall be of the same cultivar, unless otherwise specified.



12. Vase of 5 cut herbs and medicinals
13. 6 Hot Chilli Peppers (with some stalk attached)
14. 4 Carrots (with [7.5cm](#) tops)
15. 4 Potatoes
16. 6 Pods of Runner Beans (with some stalk attached)
17. 6 Pods of French Beans (with some stalk attached)
18. 4 Tomatoes, not Cherry (ripe with stalk)
19. 6 Cherry Tomatoes (ripe with stalk) not exceeding [3.5cm](#)
20. 1 Cucumber
21. 2 Courgettes ([10-20cms](#) long, or if round, [7.5cm](#) dia. Approx.)
22. 3 Beetroots (with 7.5cms (3") tops)
23. 2 of the same kind of Vegetable not already listed
24. 3 Bulbs of Garlic
25. Heaviest Marrow *
26. Heaviest Onion *
27. Heaviest Potato
28. Longest Runner Bean
29. Longest Stick of Rhubarb
30. Plate of Fruit, one variety
31. EFSS TOP TRAY CLASS

PRODUCE Classes:

Jars to be filled and covered with clear cellophane tops except for Classes 37 and 39.

32. 1 Jar Marmalade *
33. 1 Jar Strawberry Jam
34. 1 Jar Raspberry Jam
35. 1 Jar Stoned Fruit Jam
36. 1 Jar Lemon Curd
37. 1 Jar Chutney
38. 1 Jar of Preserve, not already listed
39. Bottle of Home-made Wine, Liqueur or Cordial *

BAKING Classes:

40. A Sport Themed Cake *
41. Macarons
42. Apple Strudel
43. Scotch Egg
44. Cheese Scone

FLOWER ARRANGING Classes:

All arrangements in the classes must [use](#) fresh flowers and foliage. Boards 60cms x 60cms (24" x 24") will be available upon which arrangements must be displayed, with the exception of Class 46. For classes 47, 48 and 49, arrangements must be displayed within the area of the board. No part of the arrangement may exceed the size of the board.

45. A Petite Exhibit (max. 25cms (10") overall) *
46. Display of Sunflowers
47. Floral Wreath for a door *
48. Flowers and Foliage Arrangement

HANDICRAFT Classes:

No exhibit will be accepted which has been exhibited at a previous show or is more than three (3) years old.

49. An Article of Crochet *
50. A Hand Knitted Article *
51. An Article of Embroidery
52. A Picture in Any Medium (max. 56cms (22") square, frame included)
53. A Handwritten Limerick - 'There was an old man from Peru....' *
(to be mounted on card measuring [15cms](#) x 20cms (6" x 8"))
54. Any Other Handicraft



PHOTOGRAPHY Classes:

Photographs should measure [15cms](#) x 20cms (6" x 8") and labelled, and be mounted on stiff card, measuring no more than [18cms](#) x 23cms (7"x 9"). Entries must be original photographic images; no computer-created pictures will be accepted.

55. Sunrise and Sunset
56. Grand Day Out
57. Planes and Trains
58. Family Pet

RULES OF THE SHOW

1. Competition is open to all living in the Parish of Elsenham. Outside exhibitors are at the discretion of the Committee.
2. Staging from 8.30 a.m. to 10.45 a.m. on the morning of the show.
3. Judging is from 11.00 a.m. (Public not admitted to this.)
4. Open to the public at 2.30 p.m. Admission £1.00 Accompanied children are Free.
5. Entry money - Each exhibit charged at 50p. For 10 or more entries (total) equals £5.00.
6. Upon arrival, competitors will be given class cards, each one to accompany each article exhibited. Each competitor will be given an exhibitor's number. Vases, paper plates and saucers will be made available.
7. All exhibits must be grown or made by the exhibitor (with the exception of the Flower Arranging Classes).
8. Only one exhibit allowed in each Class per person. **Please note that only entries with one name per exhibit will be accepted.**
9. Certificates will be awarded to the first three placings in each Class.
10. **Each** exhibitor must complete an Entry Form. Entry Forms, together with appropriate fees, must be submitted to Sue Waite or Lynda Jolly by **Saturday, 8th August 2026** - see entry form for details.
11. Additional copies of the Entry Form can be obtained from Sue Waite, 1 Sant Road or Lynda Jolly, 2 Purcell Close Elsenham. Copies also available at the Post Office and Ticket Office Railway Station
12. The Society will not accept responsibility for any damage caused to exhibits before, during or after the Show.
13. Points for each Class will be awarded as follows: 4 points for a 1st; 3 points for a 2nd; 2 points for a 3rd and 1 point for Highly Commended. The Parish Council Shield will be awarded to the exhibitor gaining most points overall.
14. The judge's decision is final. Awards/points may be withheld from any exhibit of insufficient merit.
15. Trophy winners are responsible for loss or damage to the Society's trophies whilst in their possession. Please ensure that our trophies are covered by your household insurance.
16. No exhibitors' entries can be moved without the permission of stewards.

Any queries to: Sue Waite (Treasurer), 1 Sant Road. Email suewaite2003@yahoo.co.uk

EFSS TOP TRAY & TOP VASE RULES 2026



CLASS 11. EFSS TOP VASE

- 1 The Top Vase class is for a vase of mixed flowering stems containing a total of between 5 and 10 stems, taken from a minimum of two different kinds of plants. Please note that it is two different KINDS of plants - two varieties of the same plants are NOT two kinds.
- 2 The display is judged out of a total of 35 points, split into: 25 points for the colour, form, condition, quality and freshness of the flowers on display; and 10 points for the overall presentation and effect of the flowers in the vase. The vase will be viewed from all directions. Judging of the flowers should be to the normal rules used for other classes.
- 3 Stems used in the display must be showing flowers only; no seed heads or berries will be allowed.
- 4 The vase can be any shape or size and made from any material but must be in proportion to the display. No marks are awarded for the vase itself.
- 5 No accessories such as bows and additional foliage will be allowed. Foliage, which is growing naturally from the flowering stem, and still attached to that stem, is allowed. Packing material - including florists' foam - to keep the stems in place is allowed.

Notes for Exhibitors:

Flowering stems can be taken from ANY flowering plant.

The different kinds of plants need to be taken from different genera. For instance, pinks, carnations and sweet william, which are all dianthus – would NOT be classed as different kinds.

Use only fresh, home-grown flowers. No dried or silk flowers are allowed

A vase, by definition, is any vessel that can be used to hold cut flowers and which is taller than it is wide at its widest point.

CLASS 31. EFSS TOP TRAY

- 1 The Top Tray class is for a collection of three types of vegetables taken from the following list of fifteen. The quantity of each vegetable required for the collection is given in brackets: Carrots (3) Cauliflower (2) Onions (3) Parsnips (3) Peas (6 pods) Potatoes (3) Runner Beans (6 pods) Tomatoes (6) French Beans (6 pods) Sweetcorn (2) Pepper (3) Cucumber (2) Courgettes (3) Red Beet (3) Aubergines (2). Each type of vegetable will be judged out of a total of 20 points. This is split into three sections, as follows: 7 points for size, shape and colour; 7 points for condition; 6 points for uniformity. The overall mark will be out of a total of 60.
- 2 All vegetables are to be displayed for effect. The vegetables must be displayed within an area measuring 45cms x 60cms (18" x 24"), without bending any part of them. No part of any exhibit may exceed the size of the tray. A tray or board measuring 45cms x 60cms (18" x 24") will be provided by the Society.
- 3 Parsley is allowed for garnishing, but no other foliage or accessories such as plates, sand, rings and so on, will be allowed. Onion tops may be tied or whipped, using raffia or string.

Notes for Exhibitors:

Carrots and parsnips must have foliage trimmed back to 7.5cm (3ins)

Peas and beans must be displayed with some stalk attached.

Tomatoes must be displayed with calyces (the green flower-bud case).

Judges may handle exhibits, open pods, etc. to check for quality.

The winners of the Top Vase and Top Tray classes will receive a gift voucher.

SHOW ENTRY FORM

Please tick carefully each class you wish to enter

FLOWERS	22	42
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10		HANDICRAFTS
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BY SATURDAY 8TH AUGUST. LATE ENTRIES MAY NOT BE ACCEPTED.

EXHIBITOR'S CONTACT DETAILS

TOTAL NUMBER OF ENTRIES ENTRY MONEY ENCLOSED

NAME:

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ADDRESS:

ENTRY MONEY - Each exhibit charged at 50p. For 10 or more entries total equals £5.00

Completed Entry Forms should be placed **IN AN ENVELOPE, TOGETHER WITH YOUR ENTRY**

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Have you read.....?

Reading has undoubtedly improved, enriched and helped civilise us all. Modern fiction offers us characters, situations, insight and understanding as well as engrossing stories. Having read a good book, we often want to talk about it, so it is no surprise therefore that the u3a has three bookclubs, meeting regularly in Stansted alone. Such titles as: *Remains of the Day* by Kazuo Ishiguro, *59 minutes* by Holly Seddon and *Little Fires Everywhere* by Celeste Ng have been recently enjoyed and discussed. The groups meet monthly, allowing time to read books at home. Do check the website for contact information on these classes and the many others available at the u3a.

The very popular Garden Group made a visit to Benington Lordship in April and enjoyed exploring this unique property comprising the ruins of a Norman keep, a neo-Norman folly and the beautiful Queen Anne house. Set in sweeping parkland, the orchard, rose garden, walled kitchen garden and wildflower meadow resplendent with cowslips and snakehead fritillaries made for a lovely tour full of interest; not least of which was the large tortoise some group members spotted making its way through the garden! The tortoise turned out to be an exile from a neighbouring garden on the run for a week! Happily, he was given a lift and returned to his home.

The monthly u3a meeting was graced by the appearance of Lyndsey Barrel best described as a raconteur. At ease behind the microphone, Lyndsey related the two occasions she had been on TV taking part in competitions. Her story explained the hilarious ignominy of her donning an uncomfortable ice cream cone costume and racing another cone to burst a balloon and have sprinkles applied. Laughter ensued as Lyndsey recounted how she won victory. All good fun, delightfully delivered.

TRANSPORT UPDATE

By Ray Franklin

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Breeding partners are found and territories maintained by singing. It is somewhat surprising to realise that the beautiful bird song we hear is actually a declaration of "ownership" of an area and a warning for other competing birds to keep out. Two of the most distinctive

songs currently in the wood are made by the Chiff Chaff and the Blackcap. The Chiff Chaff sings its name repeatedly and to be honest it isn't the most interesting song, but it does allow you to find the bird and get a good view through binoculars. The Blackcap song on the other hand is sweet and melodic with a variety of rich clear notes. It's not difficult to then see the male Blackcap, but it is usually less easy to



see the female who actually has a brown cap rather than the black one on the male bird. Both the Chiff Chaff and the Blackcap used to be regarded as summer visitors, but now with our warmer winters many choose to stay with us over winter.

Taking time to look for evidence of insect activity can also be rewarding. We found the gall pictured right on bramble. It shows exit holes where some 50 gall wasps have emerged, all from a small gall just 5cm long.



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At the time of writing this article we are enjoying the most beautiful sunny weather. As previously reported, the club had its AGM in April and again, at the time of writing, we will be waiting to welcome demonstrator Julie Richardson from the Isle of Wight in May. In the meantime, some club members attended the NAFAS East of England Area Day in Mildenhall on Saturday 25th April. In the morning we were educated and entertained by Martyn Davey, the head grower from Nurtured in Norfolk. The business grows edible flowers used primarily by chefs in their Michelin Star restaurants for flavouring and decorating their dishes. Who knew you could eat so many!



In the afternoon Jo Purdy, a floral designer and national demonstrator, all the way from Scarborough, treated us to her 'Botanical Gallery' inspired by artist such as Van Gogh, Monet and Andy Goldsworthy. Jo, originally a social worker, enrolled onto a Floristry degree course over 20 years ago and has never looked back. It was a magical day. If you would like to enjoy events like this, please visit us at one of our meetings for a taster or email us for more details and upcoming dates.

Our next club meeting will be in the evening of June 17 with Naomi Wells and her title 'Miss Cullimore'. It's a 7pm for 7.30pm start every third Wednesday of the month, Ugley Village Hall, Cambridge Road, CM22 6HR.





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By Ken McDonald, Secretary

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Although the Society is not a religious organisation, we encourage visits to parish churches as they are often the oldest and most interesting building in any community. Inside, you may find images of angels in some form or another. These winged creatures are considered to be messengers of God. They also represent goodness, with a promise of heaven if you live a good life.

Angels in churches are depicted in paintings, on stained-glass windows, suspended from ceilings, carved into corbels that support roof timbers or on poppyheads at the end of pews.

Clavering church displays several angels in its medieval glass windows as well as a series of wooden angels suspended from the rafters - they have feathers all over, including on their legs.

It is easy to miss Clavering's angels, but not those at Furneux Pelham. Their bright colours come from a repaint in the 1960s. Some play a lute and others hold a shield with a family crest, presumably of their sponsor. Furneux Pelham also has a series of angels on windows that were painted in the 19th century by renowned artists William Morris and Edward Byrne-Jones.

Radwinter has a series of stained-glass windows with angels featuring prominently. At Elmdon, one peeps out from under the lectern (pictured) from which the vicar preaches. In Linton, one of the carved poppyheads depicts a scribe resting his book on the wings of an angel.



Some churches have carvings on the corbels that support major roof timbers. Hildersham's chancel has especially colourful decoration, including angels on each of its corbels.

Over the last couple of years, I have given an illustrated talk to many local organisations, taking a peek inside some of our parish churches and including photos of angels in many guises.

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Thought For The Month by *Louis Wilson*

I wonder if you know the story of Marie Monville? She was featured recently on the radio programme *Sideways*. In October 2006, she was happily married with three small children.

Without warning sign or history of violence, her husband awoke one morning, loaded a gun and walked into a small Amish school in Pennsylvania, USA. The Amish are a Christian group who are known for living simply and avoiding modern technology. The Monville family lived close by but were not part of the Amish community.

Without explanation or reason, Marie's husband shot ten girls, and then killed himself. It was a shocking, horrific attack. Five young Amish girls were killed, five more were wounded, one so severely that she was disabled for the rest of her life, and died at the age of 23.

On Police advice, Marie now a widow, fled to take refuge at her parents' house. Later that same day, two Amish men walked up her parents' drive. Her father said: I'll go out, I'll deal with them.

Through the window, Marie watched anxiously as the two Amish men approached her father. And she watched astonished as they proceeded to embrace him. It became clear that they have not come to harm Marie or to get something.

She reflected afterwards: There was no one more entitled to get something than these two Amish. But they came that day purely to give: to give grace, compassion, and the assurance of forgiveness for me and my family.

Such grace, mercy and forgiveness was utterly life-changing. The Amish community continued to look out for Marie and her children, to support them, even to visit them. What took place that day in Pennsylvania was appalling and catastrophic for so many families but thanks to the mercy of that Amish community, Marie and her family were able to survive and to thrive.

Such is the power of forgiveness. And it is an illustration of the measure of the mercy God has shown us. In his letter to the Romans, the apostle Paul says that all of us have deliberately, fully and culpably rejected the God who made us. We in turn deserve only his rejection and eternal separation from him.

But like those two Amish men, in his mercy and grace, God has walked up our drive in the person of his son Jesus Christ. On the cross, God punished his son with the sentence we deserve so that all who trust in Jesus are cleansed of their sin, clothed in his divine righteousness, and given the gift of his Holy Spirit.

Therefore, says Paul, there is only one reasonable response. In view of such mercy, in view of such undeserved compassion, offer your bodies, he says, as a living sacrifice to God (Romans 12: 1).

The word for bodies means your whole self. Not just the spiritual and the inward, but the outward and the practical. The content of the Christian life is to be a 24/7, all of life response to God's mercy.

Such is the power of forgiveness.

CHURCH EVENTS IN OUR VILLAGES MAY 2026

Church Services

Sunday 7th June

10:30 All Together All Age Service,
Elsenham Village (School) Hall

18:00 Sunday@6, Henham Church

Sunday 14th June

08:45 Prayer Book Morning Prayer
Elsenham Church

10:00 Morning Service, Ugley Church

10:30 Morning Praise, Henham Church

18:00 Sunday@6, Henham Church

Sunday 21st June

08:45 Prayer Book Holy Communion,
Elsenham Church

10:00 Holy Communion,
Ugley Church

10:30 Morning Praise Service,
Elsenham Village (School) Hall

18:00 Sunday@6, Henham Church

Sunday 28th June

08:45 Prayer Book Morning Prayer,
Elsenham Church

10:00 Morning Service, Ugley Church

10:30 Morning Praise, Henham Church

18:00 Sunday@6 Communion,
Henham Church

Other Regular Events

SUNDAYS:

Elsenham & Henham Sunday Club
(Reception-Y5) Leave Morning Praise
Service, 10.30am

Sundays: 14th, 21st & 28th

Pathfinders (Y6-Y9)

Henham Church 6.00pm - leave from
service to meet in the New Church
Hall, Henham.

Sundays: 7th, 14th, 21st & 28th

Crammin' (Y10-Y13)

Henham Church 6.00pm – leave from
service to meet in the New Church
Hall, Henham.

Sundays: 7th, 14th, 21st & 28th

MID-WEEK AND SATURDAY:

Start the Week with Prayer

Old Frank's, Elsenham 9.30am

Mondays: 1st, 8th, 15th, 22nd & 29th

Seekers After School Bible Club

(Y3-Y4) Old Frank's 3.20pm

Mondays: 1st, 8th, 15th, 22nd & 29th

Tuesday Club, Henham Church

For anyone of retirement age or
wanting company.

Tuesdays: 2nd June (1st Tuesday of
each month)

Christian Play (Y1-Y2)

Rowan House, Elsenham 3.15pm

Tuesdays: 2nd, 9th, 16th, 23rd & 30th

Explorers (Y4-Y6)

New Church Hall, Henham 3.30pm

Wednesday: 3rd, 10th, 17th & 24th

Little Fishes Pre-School Group

New Church Hall, Henham 9.15am

Thursday: 4th, 11th, 18th & 25th

Little Fishes Pre-School Group

Elsenham Memorial Hall 10.00am

Fridays: 5th, 12th, 19th & 26th

Church Lunch Club

Elsenham Memorial Hall 12.30pm

Fridays: (2nd & 4th Friday of the month):
12th & 26th



Tuesday CLUB

Friends, food & fun

1st Tuesday of the month, 1-4pm

Henham Church Hall

Come along for board games, refreshments,
company and a short bible message

More details call Shirley 07714 742194

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at Henham, Elsenham & Ugley (HEU)
Churches, visit www.heuchurch.org



Henham, Elsenham & Ugley Churches



Now that we have our AGM out of the way we are starting to plan what activities we can offer you this year. There are several ideas being considered, and we will let you know which ones we will run with as soon as possible, just keep reading "Elsenham News".

For those new to our village, a little background to St. Mary's Fabric Fund. The church of St. Mary the Virgin dates back to the early 12th Century, believed to have been completed in 1110, in the early Norman period with King Henry 1 on the throne. It is built on the site of an earlier Saxon church and is one of the oldest churches in the area still in regular use.

A church of this age, a Grade 1 listed building with many interesting historical features, is bound to need regular tlc, and the Fabric Fund exists to raise money to help support the maintenance of the church and churchyard. We do this by arranging events to entertain and amuse the people of Elsenham. You can also become a member of the Fund for a minimum of £5 a year, more is always appreciated!

So please support us, it is your church after all, by coming along to our events and maybe becoming a member.

For any further information contact me, our Chairman Stewart Pimblett (☎ 07860 833963) or our secretary Elizabeth Barker (☎ 01279 813543).

Thanks for your attention, and I look forward to seeing you at one of our events.

GARDEN HINT *By Sue Johnson*

Tie in roses: Climbing and rambling roses are now growing rapidly. Tie in stems as horizontally as possible so that they send out more sideshoots, where the flowers are produced.

ELSENHAM BOWLS AND SOCIAL CLUB

🌐 www.elsenhambc.org.uk

By David Thomas



Yes, we are bowling!

All our bowlers are really pleased to be able to enjoy playing outside on the green now the season has started.

Our first winner of the season was Do Hackett who won the 2 wood event held at the club this year. You can see in the picture some of us enjoying a drink in celebration on our sun-drenched patio.



Bowlers, please see the fixtures card or the club website matches, there are always opportunities for games at the club.

May 24 was our Open Day. If you are interested in finding out more about bowls, having a go for free and couldn't join us on Open Day please join us any Friday from 6pm. Experienced bowlers are also welcome.

We have a big thank you to the Ilford Magic Circle for providing an extremely enjoyable evening of entertainment to support our charity event on behalf of the Essex & Herts Air Ambulance. The evening was enjoyed by everyone who attended and we have had some lovely feedback in support of the event.

Our next Music Night will be on June 20th with the return of Around Midnight, so please save the date in your diary. Tickets are available now at £8 for members and £13 for non-members. Availability is limited so please call Trevor on ☎ 07445 437437 to secure your ticket for the event.

Bingo sessions continue during the bowling season at 7:30 for 8:00. The next sessions are on June 27 and July 25.

We also have a Charity Quiz night on July 11 plus a Millionaires night on July 18.

Remember to join us on a Friday for rollups starting at 6pm with the social evening continuing for all members from 7pm.

For full details about Elsenham Bowls Club including membership and our opening times please see our website www.elsenhambc.org.uk

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STANSTED HALL & ELSENHAM CRICKET CLUB

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



The season has begun. The club lost to Takeley and defeated Stansted in our two friendlies. Our first league match saw the 1st XI lose to Thorley and our 2nd XI defeating Thorley II. The club's 'Open' Day was very successful – the sun shone and numerous guests enjoyed a cup of tea and light refreshments. We would like to thank the councillors who attended.

Numbers for the junior section continue to be very good. Our 'All Stars' (5 to 8 year olds) was full weeks ago and our 'Dynamos' age group has proved to be very popular. Older age groups are raring to start league matches in the West Essex DCB league.

The club continues to look for new members so if you fancy joining a social community-based cricket club please contact me as above.

FROM THE PARISH REGISTERS

Funerals:

On 20 April 2026 at Ugley Church, Jean Halsey Platt, aged 91 years, formerly of Leigh Drive, Elsenham.

On 20 May 2026 at Elsenham Church, Jean Margaret Beeston, aged 85 years, formerly of Broom Farm Road, Elsenham.

Burial of Ashes:

On 24 April 2026 in Henham Churchyard, Catherine Eva Camp.

On 23 May 2026 in Henham Churchyard, Gillian Smith.

Baptisms:

On 10 May 2026 at Henham Church, Blake Reid Gardiner & Kameron Jacob Gardiner.

Enquiries about thanksgivings, baptisms, weddings and funerals should be made in the first instance to Anna Hicks at the Church Office.

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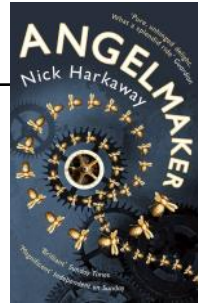
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ANGELMAKER BY NICK HARKAWAY

Reviewed by Marion Giles for Elsenham Book Group

'Joe Spork, son of the infamous criminal Mathew 'Tommy Gun' Spork just wants a quiet life, repairing clockwork in a wet, unknown bit of London.

Edie Banister, former superspy, lives quietly and wishes she didn't. She's nearly ninety and the things she fought to save don't seem to exist anymore. She's beginning to wonder if they ever did.



When Joe is asked to fix one particularly unusual device, his life is suddenly upended. The client? Unknown. The device? A 1950s doomsday machine. Having triggered it, Joe now faces the wrath of both the government and a diabolical South Asian dictator, Edie's old arch-nemesis. Joe's once-quiet world is now populated with mad monks, psychopathic serial killers, scientific geniuses and threats to the future of conscious life in the universe. The only way he can survive, is to muster the courage to fight, help Edie complete a mission she gave up years ago, and pick up his father's old gun...' *So says the blurb on the back of the book.*

An entertaining tour-de-force that demands to be adored *The Independent*

The Amazon AI says: Customers find this book engaging from start to finish, praising its wonderfully complex story and the bizarre England populated by strange characters. The writing is cleverly executed with scintillating prose, and customers appreciate its humour, with one noting its tongue-in-cheek style that alternates between humour and brutality. Customers praise the book's tremendous imagination and innovative ideas. The pacing receives mixed reactions, with several customers finding it very long-winded.

This was the choice of the book group this month. Due to illness the meeting was cancelled this month. I shall reveal the members reviews next month when we meet to discuss, *The Promise* by Damon Galmut.



Our Market runs on the last Saturday of every month, but just to make things easier, these are the dates for the rest of 2026: -

JULY 25
AUGUST 29
SEPTEMBER 26
OCTOBER 31
NOVEMBER 28 (all things festive)

We will have many of our fabulous regular sellers, such as Mapuldor's delicious sourdough bread, the brilliant Christine with her homemade preserves, chutneys and jellies, the Flying Pig Company's local meat just perfect for the weekend, the most amazing fresh coffee, mouthwatering cakes and even your dog is catered for by Barking Bakery dog treats!

You can buy eggs, honey, Country Kitchen's homemade savouries perfect for lunch, a huge selection of fish and other yummy frozen products, delicious cheeses, the most beautiful plants and flowers at such reasonable prices, gut healthy kombucha and we are constantly on the lookout for new and fresh ideas, so make sure you pop by.

Helen will be there with Ernie, her converted milk float selling food refills like rice, pasta, etc, so be sure to bring your containers, she also has paper bags if you're like me and forget. She will also have her sustainable cleaning products too. This Market is for our fabulous community to get together, so why not meet friends there and have a coffee inside or out whilst deciding how you are going to treat yourselves. It's only once a month.

You will also be helping to help support these local businesses and of course all proceeds from the Market go to local charities.

No charge for entry, plenty of parking, you just need to turn up, enjoy and immerse yourself in all the gorgeous produce.

Best wishes
Elsenham Farmers Market Team

COOKERY CORNER

By Sue Johnson ☎ 812704



Shortbread is one of my all-time favourites. Simple to make and very few ingredients.

SHORTBREAD FINGERS WITH A HINT OF ORANGE

(cuts into 12)

4oz (100g) semolina

4oz (100g) caster sugar

8oz (225g) plain flour

8oz (225g) butter cubed, plus a little extra for greasing the tin

Finely grated zest of one small orange

1oz (25g) demerara sugar (optional)

Lightly grease a circular loose bottomed shallow 9" (23cm) diameter baking tin or a small shallow Swiss roll tin, 9" x 13" (23cm x 33cm).

Put the semolina, sugar, plain flour, butter and orange zest into a food processor. Whizz together until the mixture forms a ball of dough.

Tip into the prepared tin and, using a spatula push the dough into the tin to make an even thickness all over. Smooth the surface and chill in the fridge for about 30 minutes.

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

Sprinkle with the demerara sugar, if you are using, and bake for about 25-30 minutes, until pale golden.

Leave to cool in the tin, then cut into wedges or fingers.

CHEF'S RECOMMENDATIONS: Use a tin for this recipe, not a glass or ceramic dish. Remember to chill before baking. These shortbread fingers freeze well.

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UPCOMING EVENTS

Walk on a summer's day 4 July
Bowls & Social Club Charity Quiz night July 11
Bowls & Social Club Millionaires night July 18
EFSS Flower Show 15 August

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