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VILLAGE DIARY OF EVENTS

Regular Monthly or Quarterly Activities

Activity	When	Location
Parish Council	1 st Monday of month 8pm (not Bank Holidays)	Memorial Hall
Village Café Lunch	Last Monday of month 12 - 2pm except on 24 August and 21 December	Memorial Hall
Henham & District Garden Society	1 st Tuesday of month 2.15 - 4pm No meeting in August or December	Memorial Hall
Community Choir	1 st & 3 rd Tuesday of month 7 - 8.30pm	Village Hall
Village Café	Coffee morning: 2 nd & 4 th Tuesday of month 9.30 - 11.30am	Bowls & Social Club
Life Drawing	2 nd Tuesday of month 7.30 - 9.30pm	Village Hall
History Society	Quarterly, Wednesday, 7.45pm	Memorial Hall
Village Café	Afternoon tea: 1 st & 3 rd Thursday of month 2 - 4pm	Memorial Hall
Elsenham WI	3 rd Thursday of month 7.45 - 10pm	Memorial Hall
Lunch Club	2 nd & 4 th Friday of month 12.15pm (3 rd & 5 th in May)	Memorial Hall
Fibromyalgia	Last Saturday of the month 2.30 - 4pm	The Crown

DATES FOR MARCH

Mon 2	Parish Council Meeting	Memorial Hall 8pm
Tues 3	Henham & District Garden Society	Memorial Hall 2.15pm
Tues 3 & 17	Elsenham Community Choir	Village Hall 7 - 8.30pm
Thurs 5 & 19	Village Café Afternoon Tea	Memorial Hall 2 - 4pm
Weds 4	WI Natter Night	Bowls & Social Club 7.30pm
Tues 10 & 24	Village Café Coffee Morning	Bowls & Social Club 9.30 - 11.30am
Tues 10	Life Drawing	Village Hall 7.30pm
Wed 11	History Society	Memorial Hall 7.45 for 8pm
Wed 11	District Councillors' surgery	The Cock, Henham 6.30pm
Thurs 12	ECA AGM	Memorial Hall 7.30pm
Fri 13 & 27	Church Lunch Club	Memorial Hall 12.30pm
Sat 14 & 28	Bingo	Bowls & Social Club 7 for 7.30pm
Thurs 19	Elsenham WI	Memorial Hall 7.45pm
Sat 21	Mothering Sunday afternoon tea	Memorial Hall 3-5pm
Sat 21	Bowls and Social Club Quiz	Bowls & Social Club 7.30 for 8pm
Sat 28	Fibromyalgia Support Group	The Crown 2.30 - 4pm
Mon 30	Village Café Lunch	Memorial Hall 12 - 2pm

DATES FOR APRIL

Weds 1	WI Natter Night	Bowls & Social Club 7.30pm
Sat 4	Tennis Club Quiz Night	Bowls & Social Club 7.30 for 8pm
Mon 6	Parish Council Meeting	Memorial Hall 8pm
Tues 7	Henham and District Garden Society	Memorial Hall 2.15pm
Tues 7 & 21	Elsenham Community Choir	Village Hall 7 - 8.30pm
Fri 10	Good Friday Ramble	Memorial Garden 2.15pm
Fri 10 & 24	Church Lunch Club	Memorial Hall 12.15pm
Tues 14 & 28	Village Café Coffee Morning	Bowls & Social Club 9.30 - 11.30am
Tues 14	Life Drawing	Village Hall 7.30pm
Thurs 16 & 30	Village Café Afternoon Tea	Memorial Hall 2 - 4pm
Thurs 16	Elsenham WI	Memorial Hall 7.45pm
Sat 18	Bingo	Bowls & Social Club 7.30 for 8pm
Thurs 23	Annual Parish Meeting	Memorial Hall 8pm
Sat 25	Fibromyalgia Support Group	The Crown 2.30 - 4pm
Mon 27	Village Café Lunch	Memorial Hall 12 - 2pm

Regular Weekly Activities

Day	Activity	Time	Location
Monday	Zumba Class	9.30 - 10.30am	Memorial Hall
	Health Walk	10.30am	Corner of De Mandeville
	Line Dance	6.05 - 7.15pm	Memorial Hall
	Guides	7 - 8.30pm	Village Hall (term-time)
	Shape to the Beat **	7.30 - 8.30pm	Memorial Hall
Tuesday	Studs & Stars	10 - 11.30am	Memorial Hall
	Open Farm	9am - 3pm	Daisy May's Farm
	Nordic Walking	2 - 3.15pm	Top Car Park Playing Field
	Drama Factory	5.30 - 6.30pm	Village Hall (term time)
	Brownies	6 - 7.30pm	Memorial Hall (term-time)
	Tennis Club Night	8 - 10.30pm	Tennis Courts
	Yoga	8 - 9pm	Memorial Hall
Weds	Tots & Toddlers	9.30 - 11.30am	Memorial Hall (term-time)
	Slimming World	5.30 & 7.30pm	Memorial Hall
	Beaver Scouts	5.30 - 7pm	Village Hall (term-time)
	((Bounce))	7pm	Golf World Stansted
	Candlelit Yoga	7.45 - 9.15pm	Village Hall
Thursday	Open Farm	9am - 3pm	Daisy May's Farm
	Slimming World	9.30 - 11am	Memorial Hall
	Rainbows	5.30 - 6.30pm	Memorial Hall (term-time)
	Cubs	6.30 - 7.45pm	Village Hall (term time)
	Step in Time Dance	8 - 9pm	Village Hall (term-time)
	Kickboxing	8 - 9.15pm	Village Hall
Friday	Tennis — Ladies	10 - 11.30am	Tennis Courts
	Little Fishes Pre-School	10 - 11am	Memorial Hall (term-time)
	Bowls Club Night	7 - 11pm	Bowls and Social Club
Saturday	((Bounce))*	8.30am	Golf World Stansted
Saturday	Kickboxing	9 - 9.45am, 10 - 10.45am, 11 - 12noon	Village Hall
Saturday	Football	10 - 11.30am	Playing Field
Sat/Sun	Open Farm	11am - 3pm	Daisy May's Farm
Sunday	Nordic Walking	10 - 12 Noon	Surgery Car Park

* ((Bounce)) Child friendly sessions

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Looking ahead

It's March, so it's time to start thinking about two big Elsenham summer events – the Village Fete and the Flower Show.

If you would like to display your talents at the Flower Show (and it's much more than fruit and veg and flower arranging!) then take a look at the schedule in the centre pages of the magazine. The show is in August, so there is plenty of time to grow, practise, bake, paint etc before then. Good luck to everyone.

The Village Fete is on Saturday 6 June and if you or your organisation would like to have a stall, the entry form and details of how to get involved can be found on p25 . If you don't want to take a stall, just write the date on your calendar, it will be great fun.

Some ideas for making good use of your free time

If you are thinking of getting out and about as we, hopefully, start to see a bit of spring, then take a look at Natural Outlook, on p43, and also the highlights from Hatfield Forest on p37. If you want to run outside rather than walk, then see p48 for the opportunity to prepare for a 10k run. The village has a great tennis club, with very reasonable fees, so maybe this is the year to start your bid for Wimbledon, see p55, or at least have fun trying. Over at the Bowls & Social Club you can bowl, of course, but there's also a darts team, a crib team and lots of social events. See p56.

On a more sedentary note, the History Society is celebrating see p41, and if you are wondering what to read next, the book review is on p53.

The 77A Bus

Next month we will be including the timetable for both directions.

If you have anything you would like to contribute – letters, articles, photos – please get it touch, elsenhamsnews@hotmail.co.uk, we would love to hear from you.

The Editors

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Dear Editors,

New Annexe at St Mary's Church - Progress Report

This is a further update on our plans to build an annexe at St Mary's Church to provide toilets, refreshment facilities, a new vestry and storage.

It has become clear that we are not going to be able to raise the amount of money needed to build the annexe for which we have obtained planning permission. Our original target was £250,000, but it is likely that the final cost would have been even more than that.

The Parochial Church Council has considered the options open to it to achieve its basic desire to provide a toilet and refreshment facilities. They would be either to build a smaller structure close to the church, or to build further away from the Grade I listed building where the design could be simpler, and cheaper.

These possibilities are being explored and we hope to have a more positive update to share with you in the coming months.

We are enormously grateful to those who have contributed to our Annexe Fund and look forward to being able to turn our vision into reality soon.

Roger Clark and Rocky Stevens
Churchwardens

Bishop's Stortford Food Bank

The churches of Henham, Elsenham and Ugley support the Bishop's Stortford Food Bank, which, with the Harlow Food Bank, provides emergency food to people living in crisis in this area. Each food parcel contains enough to feed an individual, couple or family for three days. In December it helped 483 adults and 354 children.

At the moment the Food Bank is in urgent need of tins of solid meat (ham, spam etc), tinned rice pudding and sponge pudding.

Any tinned or dry food with a long 'best before date' is gratefully received but It currently has sufficient stocks of beans, pasta, soup and fish.

The Food Bank will also accept toilet rolls, washing and washing-up liquid, and toiletries.

If you are able to donate any items there is a box in St. Mary's church, or you can leave them at the Church Office, Old Frank's, in the High Street.

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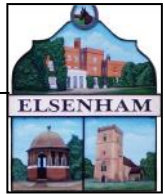
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ELSENHAM COMMUNITY ASSOCIATION

By Allan Hathaway ECA Chairman ☎ 813385



On Thursday, 12 March 2020, commencing at 7.30pm, the Elsenham Community Association (ECA) will be holding its Annual General Meeting. The evening will comprise two meetings to be held back to back. The first meeting is to officially close the existing charity (numbered 302363) and for all trustees of this charity to stand down.

The second meeting will be to formalise the new charity (numbered 1186436) still named Elsenham Community Association (ECA).

The ECA owns and runs the Memorial Hall, situated on the playing field (off Leigh Drive), and ensures it is fit for hiring out to organisations within the area of Elsenham and for private hirings – parties, meetings etc. The ECA also hires the hall to Elsenham Parish Council for their meetings and to Uttlesford District Council for polling days.

The organisations that regularly hire the hall, are Brownies, Zumba, Line Dancing, Studs and Stars, Yoga, Tots and Toddlers, Women's Institute, Aerobics, Church Lunch Club, Elsenham Village Café, Rainbows, Little Fishes, Slimming World, Stretch and Relax, Elsenham History Society, Elsenham Flower Show and Henham & District Gardening Club.

The ECA also organises the Elsenham Village Fete – Saturday, 6 June 2020 on the Playing field and the Santa event, Saturday, 5 December 2020, Village Hall (school).

The object of this meeting is to vote in the new trustees of this charity and to elect the Chairperson, Treasurer, Secretary, Vice Chairperson and Booking Secretary.

The trustees will come from: a) representatives of the village organisations that use the hall and b) village representatives (a village representative is a resident of the village who wishes to be involved in the ECA). Those, from these groups, who do not wish to become trustees, but who wish to attend and participate in discussions with respect to the ECA may do so, but may not vote.

The ECA is run by the village for the village, we look forward to seeing you there.

At the closing of the meeting there will be wine and nibbles available.

Thank you.



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ELSENHAM PARISH COUNCIL 3 FEBRUARY 2020

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



Elsenham Parish Council has a vacancy as a Parish Councillor. If you would like to be considered please contact the Parish Clerk, Louise Johnson, before 16 March 2020 on ✉ louise.epc@gmail.com

The Fairfield application has gone to appeal for non-determination. There will be a public inquiry held at Uttlesford District Council's (UDC) offices, on 28 April - 1 May 2020. Residents who submitted comments/objections on this application should receive a letter from UDC asking if they would like to make any further representation. All previous submissions will be sent to the Inspectors.

An appeal has also been lodged for the proposed 40 new houses in Rush Lane and also Crossways in Station Road.

Uttlesford District Council's new Local Plan has been found 'unsound' by the Inspectors. UDC also do not have a five-year housing supply, it currently stands at 2.68 years. This is bad news for Elsenham as it leaves the door wide-open for developers.

The Parish Council asked Essex Highways if they would reinstate the central white line on Abbotsford Bridge. Essex Highways have replied saying that the white line will not be reinstated as the width of the road is less than required for a two-way line marking.

Helen Mudge has resigned as a co-opted member of the Flowerbed Committee. The Parish Council would like to thank Helen for her time on the committee, she was always very enthusiastic, knowledgeable and pro-active.

The Parish Council website usually receives around 100 visitors per month. However, in January 2020, there were 1,600 visitors to the site. The 'News Section' was the most accessed, showing updates on Abbotsford Bridge and the Fairfield development. So, if you want to keep up with what is happening in the village, please go to www.elsenham-pc.gov.uk

The Parish Council has written to the Elsenham Vale Management Company and Crest Nicholson regarding the appalling condition that the trim trail is in.

After some discussion it was decided not to pursue a neighbourhood plan. This decision was made due to the amount of funding, plus the time and dedication it would take from councillors and residents to compile all the different documents that form a neighbourhood plan. A village neighbourhood plan must fit in with UDC local plan and it may only last three years before it becomes obsolete.

The next Parish Council meeting will be 2 March 2020, 8pm in the Memorial Hall.

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HENHAM & DISTRICT GARDEN SOCIETY

By Moyra Jackson



Henham and District Garden Society's 2020 programme got off to a great start with a fascinating talk on Macchu Pichu and Ecuador by Peter Johnson in January followed by Robin Casing in February telling us about 'Plants for an East Anglian Garden'. Both speakers had exceptionally good photos with their talks taking us from the heights of Macchu Pichu to the flatlands of Essex and neighbouring counties.

Our programme has a rich variety of speakers coming during this year including Ed Fairley on 'History of Open Gardens in Essex', 'The 'Good' Life in Suffolk' with Rob Sherriff and 'Gardening Then and Now' with Rodney Tibbs. Our programme also includes a number of outings. This year we are off to Perrywood Nursery in May, Easton Walled Garden, Grantham in June and RHS Wisley in September.

If you would like to come along we meet at the Memorial Hall in Elsenham on the first Tuesday of most months at 2.30pm. Annual membership is £15 and visitors are welcome at our meetings for a small charge of £2.



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By David Hill ☎ 812397



The latest update on our plans for 2020.

Our **vintage toy and doll display** will be held in the church over the **weekend of June 20- 21**. We will be looking for exhibits to borrow, so please be prepared to go into the loft and search for those treasures of your childhood. We also plan to run a refreshments tent. If you feel you could lend us anything to display, or want more details, please contact Elizabeth ☎ 813543 or Dave ☎ 812397.

We will have our usual presence at the Village Fete in June and we are also hoping to run a **Harvest Festival Garden Party** at the church later in the year. Then there will be the **Christmas Tree Festival** on the 5 - 6 of December – yes I know it's a bit early to talk about Christmas, but we start to plan early.

Finally we have our AGM on Tuesday 3 March, 7pm in "Old Frank's", the Church Office in High Street. All members are invited to come along, and if you are not a member come along and join!

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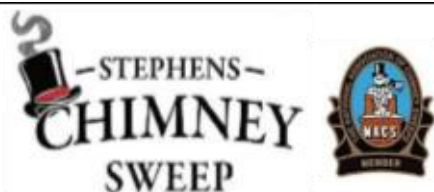
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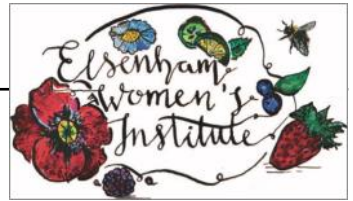
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By Moyra Jackson ☎ 647351



As you all know by now I love to give a weather report. Not to disappoint – I am writing this as storm Ciara blows a hoolie outside. Looking forward to summer!

So last month's meeting was a quiet, reserved affair known as our Vintage Games. If you believe that you obviously have never met any of Elsenham WI. It proved to be a raucous evening as every table fiercely competed for the glory of the trophy that was up for grabs. Funniest memory of the night – our twins Kirstie and Kim playing snap. Not sure who won that marathon, however I do know that Kirstie did go home with the trophy after winning the most points overall.

Our Annual New Year Dinner was held at Hunters Meet. We enjoyed lovely food and danced the night away to a Motown tribute act. A fabulous night with everyone looking extremely glamorous and we are already looking forward to doing the same next year.

We had a well-attended Natter Night at Elsenham Bowls Club for our first one of the year. This year our project is 'Traffic Light' hats for the Neo Natal Unit at Broomfield Hospital. Natter Night meets on the first Wednesday in the winter and first Thursday in the summer. Non-WI members are welcome and it's a great way to learn a new craft or get a refresher on something you did many years ago.

To continue on a creative theme we have a pottery painting evening coming up at the Chameleon Café in Dunmow. There are a number of events arranged by Essex Federation including the County Annual Meeting at Felsted School and a visit to Bletchley Park in the summer that we will be going to.

Our next meeting is on Thursday 19 March and it is 'Menopause Matters' with Jane Williams. Whether menopause is a dim and distant memory, an awful reality or looming large on the horizon this is a not to be missed evening. Jane will break down some of the myths surrounding this and deals with the issues with a great deal of humour. Our competition is a limerick "There was a young lady of fifty . . ."



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.

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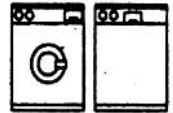
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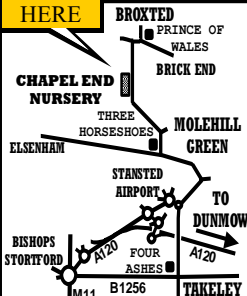
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MARCH 2020

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Whilst writing the February Report, we were waiting the Planning Committee Meeting regarding the Stansted Airport application. The Committee (Cllr LeCount is a member) voted to turn down the application. We at Uttlesford District Council (UDC) resolutely support the refusal. The expansion of the airport is incompatible with the Council's own Climate and Environmental Emergency and is at odds with the government's carbon net-zero 2050 target. However, we shall have to see whether the airport's owners will appeal this decision.

To reiterate last month's news, the Local Plan has failed rather miserably. We are going to have to work diligently to fix this expensive fiasco to protect our communities from predatory development. Fairfield Appeal will be by public inquiry, 28 April to 1 May. Public presence is always good, so put the dates aside!

The presence of the Police Community Officers outside the schools in our ward will, hopefully, remind folk to park sensibly and legally and to keep in mind the space required for emergency vehicles. A cross-party team has compiled a dossier of incidents with school buses in the district, including our ward. Our team is working hard and has gone directly to ECC to demand intervention and has sent a dossier of evidence to the Police, Driver and Vehicle Standards Agency.

We are keen to build more council houses, but in this district we are all aware how expensive it is. We are on the lookout for altruistic land owners, or affordable land within the district to enable us to provide good, solid council houses. Petrina would also like to hear about experiences people within the ward are having with trying to find affordable housing.

Our surgery this month is 11 March at 6.30pm at The Cock in Henham. Please contact us if you have any village issues.

GARDEN HINT *By Sue Johnson*

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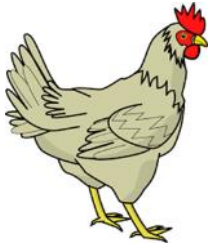
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Daisy May's Farm
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At Daisy May's Farm, everything is starting to wake up to the fact that spring is just around the corner and to celebrate, we are preparing for our fantastic spring event that will be taking place on Sunday 29 March from 11am-3pm. Entry is only £3 each and this includes entry to the farm, meet the animals, feed and groom them, chick cuddling, craft activities and more.

Paying a little extra will also allow you to enjoy the bouncy castle, ride on ponies, get your face painted, eat some delicious food from the barbeque or Snack Shack and most importantly, have a go on the spring Treasure Hunt where everybody can win a prize! Make sure you don't miss out!



Other dates for your 2020 diary are:

- Sunday 12 July for our Summer Fun & Pet Show
- Friday 30 October for our Halloween Extravaganza
- Saturday 5 December and Sunday 6 December for Santa's Sleigh Ride

These events are a vital lifeline for us to raise funds in order to feed and look after our rescued animals and we can only do this with your help and support.

You can help us to raise funds by coming to these events and also by getting involved! We are having our 'Spruce it up Sunday' on Sunday 1 March and will be kicking off at 10am if you would like to come and help for a few hours.



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



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DEVELOPMENT DEVELOPMENTS

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



Uttlesford District Council's Planning Committee held an Extraordinary Meeting at the end of January. After lengthy discussion the Committee voted by 10 votes to 0 with 2 abstentions to reject the application by Stansted Airport to increase the permitted passenger numbers, which would have meant an effective increase in the number of flights. The application was approved in November 2018 during the previous administration but was then delayed by legal shenanigans.

The chief concerns were over noise, health, especially particulate emissions, and climate change. A presentation by Stop Stansted Expansion addressed the issues effectively, and one by the Airport conspicuously failed to do so. Then it was over to the Committee for discussion. As the time wore on, it became increasingly clear that none of the councillors had a good word to say for the proposals and the faces of the Airport representatives lengthened until they resembled fully-grown horses. When it came to the vote the only question was over the size of the majority.

What happens next is an interesting and confusing question. The Airport has six months to decide whether to appeal, which would mean a public inquiry, a lengthy and costly process providing ample opportunity for all-comers to enjoy their brief moment in the spotlight. The situation is complicated, however, by the judicial review which Stop Stansted Expansion submitted some time ago, in the days when it appeared that UDC would approve the application.

The action claimed that UDC is not competent to decide an issue of such wide-ranging importance and that it should go before the Secretary of State who would have a more extensive pool of expertise available. SSE lost the application, and could now appeal. It would be an altogether briefer and more intimate affair than a public inquiry, being mostly confined to persons wearing wigs who would concentrate on such vital questions as the distinction between technical and practical capability (no space to explain), and not be diverted onto side issues such as the Airport being a congenial place to work.

In all this, what remains mysterious is why exactly MAG (as the Manchester Airports Group is affectionately known even by those who have no affection for it) is making the application in the first place. On some estimates the current caps will not be reached until 2035, by which time for all anyone knows air travel could be as distant a memory as the Tiger Moth and Spitfire are now.

Last month I noted that the long-awaited letter from the Inspectors into Uttlesford's Local Plan had been received. Effectively the Plan was rejected, with just a chance of amending it. Uttlesford were asked for an early indication as to when they might provide a response, but, over a month later, they do not seem even to have got that far. 'If you're so smart, why don't you prepare a Plan yourselves?' does not seem to be an option.

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ELSENHAM C. OF E. PRIMARY SCHOOL

By Linda Reid, Headteacher



We are very excited that our new computer room has now been set up and is ready to be used by children across the school. This facility enables us to, once again, provide children with access to computers in a dedicated and purpose built work space. It is also really helpful in supporting our assessment processes linked to our new school reading programme. This requires children to complete quizzes online when they finish reading a book, to check their understanding. The children love this aspect of the programme and it's proving really successful in motivating the children to read more.

The highlight of this half term for the children has been our Sponsored Bounce in memory of Ellie from Cherry Class. Two bouncy castles were set up in the hall and the children were given the opportunity to see how many bounces they could complete in one minute. Parents, carers and other family members were invited to sponsor the children and there was great enthusiasm to see who could bounce the most! Thank you to all of the volunteers and to everyone who supported the event.

To help enrich the curriculum, we held a special geography based afternoon at the end of January based on the theme, "Where can geography take you?" There were some very creative entries for our competition, which encouraged children to explore this concept at home. Ideas ranged from detailed posters and presentations, to working models, with some children producing and performing specially choreographed dances. Thank you to everyone who took part.

This has been a very busy half term for class assemblies, which have all been unique and special in their own way. This is an important opportunity for the children to develop their speaking and listening skills and it has been wonderful to have so many parents join us for these to share in their children's work. Having a supportive and appreciative audience makes a huge difference and really helps build the children's confidence.

As part of their topic work, "People Who Help Us", the children in Early Years spent the morning at Stansted Fire Station learning about the work of fire fighters. The visit was a huge hit with the children who loved taking part in all of the activities on offer. The firefighters and everyone involved at the station were wonderful with the children, and definitely proved themselves real life heroes!

The members of FOES, our PTA, continue to work very hard to raise funds to provide some of the many extras enjoyed by the children. This month was no exception with a wonderful Family Bingo Night, which was a great success. It was particularly popular with the children, who were delighted to take part in this traditional event. Thank you to the committee and to Paul Walton who proved to be an excellent "Caller". Thank you to everyone who supported it.

CHURCH LUNCH CLUB - For Faith, For Fellowship, For Food

By Shirley Wilcox ☎ 902477



About the Church Lunch Club: The CLC offers the chance for people from Henham, Elsenham, Ugley and surrounding areas to meet together, make new friends, eat a delicious meal and just take a break from everyday cares and worries. CLC is also able to help anyone wanting to find out more about the Christian faith. You do not have to be a churchgoer to join us and enjoy a good chat after your meal.

When/where: Monthly - 2nd and 4th Friday at 12.30pm, Memorial Hall, Elsenham. The two course meal costs £5 including tea or coffee.

Next meeting date:

13 and 27 March

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ELSENHAM VILLAGE FETE 2020

By Elaine Terry ☎ 812363 or 07962 586825



SATURDAY 6 JUNE 2019 1pm — 4pm

As plans start to come together for the fete we would like to put a call out to anyone in the village who would like to help on the day. It's a busy day, it's hard work – and it is lots and lots of fun! We particularly need help at the end of the fete when we take down all the tents – please get in touch if you can help with this.

This year, for the first time we are having a Food Court, grouping all the food and drink together with a seating area in the middle. It means that you can all sit together irrespective of the food you choose.

As always there will be a stupendous raffle and those fabulous classic cars will be back. If anyone has a vehicle they would like to bring along please get in touch – the more the merrier!

Would any village organisation like to run a Pimm's and Prosecco bar? Hard to believe but we are still looking for volunteers for this.

Please call or email elaine.terry2011@btinternet.com and let us know. Thanks so much.

ELSENHAM FLOWER SHOW SOCIETY

By Sue Johnson ☎ 812704



Saturday 22 August – Elsenham Flower Show

The 2020 Show schedule appears in the middle pages of the magazine this month to give you plenty of time to decide what you could consider growing, making or baking! The schedule will be repeated in the August edition of Elsenham News, also with the entry form.

The flower show also includes baking, produce, flower arranging, handicraft and photography classes. We try to ensure that the schedule offers opportunities for everyone, including six different children's classes.

Saturday 16 May - Plant Sale in the Memorial Hall at 2.30pm.

As in previous years, we have planned a mix of home-grown vegetable and ornamental plants to be grown for the sale. Home-made refreshments will be available. Any contributions of spare plants are always welcome. All proceeds from the sale will go towards funding our annual Flower Show. Please consider recycling any pots you don't need, we can always use them for next year.

Sunday 28 June – Village Open Gardens 1pm to 5pm.

If you are interested in opening your garden for us at the end of June, please get in touch. We are on the look-out for new gardens as well as some of our old favourites. It's a really lovely, sociable afternoon and very well worth the effort, both for openers and visitors alike! Again, proceeds from the day will go to help towards the costs of putting on the Flower Show in August.

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ST MARY'S CHURCH ELSENHAM

Vicar: Gary Townsend

The Vicarage, Carters Lane, Henham ☎ 850281

I used to work in a factory in North West Kent and I shared the workplace with many different sorts of people from all kinds of interesting backgrounds. One of my best work mates was a man I'll call Ash. Ash was a Hindu and I was a Christian. Sometimes Ash and I would have religious arguments.

"There's only one God," I'd say and he'd reply, "No! There are many gods or many different emanations of God."

"Vishnu is the saviour," he'd say and I'd say, "There's only one saviour and that's Jesus Christ."

Ash and I could really argue and tell each other what we thought was wrong in each other's beliefs. We disagreed and we disagreed strongly.

And yet, Ash and I worked together, had our breaks together, ate lunch together, agreed in our opinions about the company we worked for and occasionally had a drink down the pub. We got on together despite claiming elements in each other's religion were false. Our conversations were hard but honest and, therefore, genuinely meaningful. That is what I call tolerance and freedom of speech. Tolerance is something we have to show to people we disagree with. Telling someone they are wrong in their beliefs does not mean we hate them. Neither does disagreement over some things preclude agreement over others.

However, words can hurt and arguments can divide. So how, on the one hand, do we avoid holding back

from saying what we think is true for fear of upsetting the person and, on the other hand, avoid needless offence?

I think the key is 'motive.' We have to ask ourselves, "Why am I disagreeing with this person and trying to correct them?" Is it because I simply want to assert myself over them (a selfish motive) or is it because I believe in truth and goodness and truth and goodness for the person I'm disagreeing with? If each of us is honest with ourselves, we'll admit that all too often our speech is not motivated by a real love of truth and goodness. So I think fundamental to the right motive is repentance and humility.

There's a desperate need for good, honest dialogue between people in our society but each of us is flawed in the discussions because of the selfishness that lies at the heart of each of us.

But God invites us in for a talk: "Come now, let us reason together," says the Lord. "*Though your sins are like scarlet they shall be as white as snow.*" (Isaiah 1:18 in the Bible).

Easter reminds us that Christ came to reconcile us to God through His death on the cross. I believe freedom of speech is only ever safe and truly worthwhile when the speakers have been truly set free from their sins. That freedom is what Christ freely offers to each and every one of us.

Rev Gary Townsend

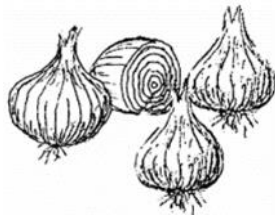


ELSENHAM FLOWER SHOW SOCIETY SHOW SCHEDULE 2020

FLOWER Classes:

(* *Trophy Classes*)

- 1 Specimen Rose (named if possible), all buds should be removed *
2. 3 Specimen Roses (any variety or varieties), all buds should be removed *
3. 3 Stems of Floribunda Roses
4. 3 Decorative and/or Ball Dahlia Blooms
5. A Mixed Vase of Dahlias - 5 blooms or more
6. 3 Dahlia Blooms (bedding/dwarf variety)
7. 3 Cactus/semi-cactus Dahlias
8. 5 Stems (each one a different flower) *
9. 9 Sweet Peas *
10. 5 Asters (all singles or all doubles)
11. Vase of 'Shades of yellow' flowers (up to 5 stems)
12. 3 Spikes Gladioli
13. 3 Pansy heads floating in a saucer of water
14. Vase of Sunflowers (3 stems)
15. Vase of Foliage - 5 kinds
16. My Best Bloom *
17. Flowering Pot Plant (not fuchsia, begonia, geranium or orchid) *
- bloom - max. pot size 20cms (8")
18. Foliage Pot Plant - bloom - max. pot size 20cms (8") *
19. Geranium Plant in Bloom - max. pot size 20cms (8") *
20. Bush Fuchsia Plant in Bloom - max. pot size 20cms (8") *
21. An Orchid Plant in bloom - max. pot size 20cms (8")
22. A Begonia Plant in bloom - max. pot size 20cms (8")
23. Succulent/Cactus in container - max. 20 cm (8") diameter
24. Fuchsias - 6 flower heads - mounts for flowers supplied at the Show
25. CHILDREN ONLY - A Fan of Leaves, max. A4 size. *
26. EFSS TOP VASE CLASS



VEGETABLE/FRUIT Classes:

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

27. Herbs - one vase - 3 kinds
28. My Best Herb, as grown (max. pot 15cm (6"))
29. 3 Sweet Peppers (with some stalk attached)
30. 6 Hot / Chilli Peppers (with some stalk attached)

31. 4 Carrots (with 7.5cms (3") tops)
32. 4 Potatoes (coloured)
33. 4 Potatoes (white)
34. 6 Pods of Runner Beans (with some stalk attached)
35. 6 Pods of Dwarf French Beans (with some stalk attached)
36. 1 Lettuce (with root)
37. 4 Tomatoes, not cherry (ripe with stalk)
38. 6 'Cherry' Tomatoes (ripe with stalk) not exceeding 3.5 cm diameter
39. 1 Cucumber
40. 2 Marrows
41. 4 Onions each one 250 grams or under
42. 4 Onions each one over 250 grams
43. 2 Courgettes (10 – 20cms long, or if round, 7.5cm dia. approx.)
44. 5 Shallots
45. 3 Beetroots (with 7.5cms (3") tops)
46. 2 Of the same kind of vegetable not already listed
47. 3 Bulbs of Garlic
48. 1 Vegetable Oddity
49. Heaviest Marrow *
50. Heaviest Onion *
51. Heaviest Potato
52. Longest Runner Bean
53. Longest Stick of Rhubarb
54. Plate of Fruit, not already listed (all fruit with stalks, if possible) max. plate diameter 23 cms (9")
55. Plate of 3 Dessert Apples (all fruit with stalks, if possible) max. plate 23cms (9")
56. Plate of 3 Culinary Apples (all fruit with stalks, if possible) max. plate 23cms (9")
57. CHILDREN ONLY - 'A Potato Head', made from a selection of vegetables and/or fruit; overall height, width and length – 30cm (12")
58. EFSS TOP TRAY CLASS

PRODUCE Classes:

Jars to be filled and covered with clear cellophane tops except Classes 65 and 67.

59. 1 Jar Marmalade
60. 1 Jar Strawberry Jam
61. 1 Jar Raspberry Jam
62. 1 Jar Stoned Fruit Jam
63. 1 Jar Fruit Jelly
64. 1 Jar Lemon Curd
65. 1 Jar Chutney
66. 1 Jar of Preserve, not already listed
67. Bottle of Home-made Liqueur (e.g. Sloe Gin)



BAKING Classes:

68. MEN ONLY 3 scones *
69. 'Show Stopper', let your imagination run wild.
70. 5 pieces of Shortbread
71. Red Velvet Cake
72. 3 Bacon and Cheese Puff Pastry Wraps
73. Olive Loaf
74. Bakewell Tart
75. CHILDREN ONLY - 3 Butterfly Cakes



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 76. For classes 77, 78 and 79, arrangements must be displayed within the area of the board. No part of the arrangement may exceed the size of the board.

76. A Miniature Arrangement (max. 10cms (4") overall) *
77. 'Afternoon Tea', no more than three (3) props allowed excluding vase
78. 'An Oriental Dinner Table Arrangement' no extra props allowed*
79. 'At the Seaside' no more than three (3) props allowed excluding vase

HANDICRAFT Classes:

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

80. An Article in Crochet *
81. A Decorated Box , max size 15cm x 20cm (6" x 8")
82. A Hand Knitted Article *
83. An Article in Cross Stitch using Embroidery Silks
84. A Picture in Any Medium (max. size 45cms (18") square)
85. A Handwritten Limerick - 'There was an old woman from Mull'
(to be mounted on card measuring 15cms x 20cms (6" x 8"))
86. CHILDREN ONLY 'A Decorated Ladybird House' max. size to be 18cm x 33cm (7" x 13")

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 23 cms (7" x 9"). Entries must be original photographic images; no computer created pictures will be accepted.

87. 'Street Life'
88. 'Bloom(s)'
89. 'Weather'
90. 'Pond Life'
91. CHILDREN ONLY 'Farm Animals'

ELSENHAM FLOWER SHOW 2020

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 9am to 10.45am on the morning of the show.
3. Judging is from 11am (Public not admitted to this.)
4. Open to the public 3pm. Admission - £1.
Accompanied children are free.
5. Stewards will remove donated exhibits (see rules 7 and 13) from the show benches at the end of the show (approx. 4pm). An auction will be held for donated exhibits, after which the presentation of awards will be made.
6. Entry money - Each exhibit charged at 40p. For 10 or more entries (total) equals £4.
7. 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, **with the exception of Class 26**. Exhibits to be retained by competitors will be marked by a coloured sticker on class cards.
8. All exhibits must be grown or made by the exhibitor (with the exception of the Flower Arranging Classes).
9. Only one exhibit allowed in each Class per person. **Please note that only entries with one name per exhibit will be accepted, including Children's Classes.**
10. Children Only entries - free
11. Children may enter main classes, but Rule 6 charges apply.
12. Certificates will be awarded to the first three placings in each Class.
13. **Each** exhibitor must complete an Entry Form. Entry Forms, together with appropriate fees, must be submitted to Sue Johnson by **Sunday, 9 August 2020**.
PLEASE NOTE: ANY EXHIBITS TO BE RETAINED MUST HAVE THE APPROPRIATE CLASS NUMBER CIRCLED ON SUBMISSION OF THE ENTRY FORM.
14. Additional copies of the Entry Form can be obtained from Sue Johnson, 'Le Touquet', Station Road.
15. The Society will not accept responsibility for any damage caused to exhibits before, during or after the Show.
16. 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.
17. The judge's decision is final. Awards/points may be withheld from any exhibit of insufficient merit.
18. 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.
19. No points will be awarded for Class **68**. Children's classes will be scored separately.

Sue Johnson, Secretary, 'Le Touquet', Station Road ☎ 812704

CHURCH EVENTS IN OUR VILLAGES MARCH 2020

Church Services

St Mary's, Henham 8.00am

Sun 1 BCP Morning Prayer

St Mary's, Elsenham 8.45am

Sun 1 BCP Morning Prayer
Sun 8 BCP Holy Communion
Sun 15 BCP Morning Prayer
Sun 22 BCP Holy Communion
Sun 29 BCP Morning Prayer

St Peter's, Ugley 10.00am

Sun 1 Holy Communion
Sun 8 Morning Service
Sun 15 Morning Service
Sun 22 Morning Service
Sun 29 Morning Service

Elsenham Village Hall 10.15am

Sun 1 Morning Service
Sun 8 Holy Communion
Sun 15 Morning Service
Sun 22 Morning Service
Sun 29 Morning Service

St Mary's, Henham 11.15am

Sun 1 Morning Service
Sun 8 Morning Service
Sun 15 Holy Communion
Sun 22 Morning Service
Sun 29 Morning Service

St Mary's, Henham 6.00pm

Sun 1 Sunday@Six HC
Sun 8 Sunday@Six
Sun 15 Sunday@Six
Sun 22 Sunday@Six
Sun 29 Sunday@Six

Other events:

World Day of Prayer

11am Friday 6 March 2020

Church Hall, Henham.

Service at 11.30am, Lunch at 12.30pm,
ends 2pm. Come for any part!

Everyone welcome.

Mothering Sunday Afternoon Tea

Saturday 21 March, 3pm-5pm

Elsenham Memorial Hall

Free! All welcome, not just mums!

Other regular events:

SUNDAYS:

St Peter's Sunday Church

10.00am Sundays: 1st, 8th, 15th, 22nd & 29th

Elsenham Sunday Club/Explorers

(Y1-Y6) Old Frank's, Elsenham

10.15am Sundays: 1st, 8th, 15th, 22nd & 29th

Henham Sunday Club (5 years-Y3)

Church Hall, Henham 11.00am

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

Henham Explorers (Y4-Y6)

The Vicarage, Henham 11.15am

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

Pathfinders (Y7-Y9)

St Mary's, Henham 6.00pm - leave from
service to meet in OSCA & return at 7pm

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

Crammin' (Y10-Y13)

The Vicarage, Henham 7.30pm

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

MID-WEEK AND SATURDAYS:

Start the Week with Prayer

Church Hall, Henham 9.30am

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

Christian Play (Y1-Y2)

Rowan House, Elsenham 3.15pm

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

Little Fishes Pre-School Group

Church Hall, Henham 10.15am

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

Dragons Youth Club (Y4-Y6)

OSCA, Henham, 6.00pm

Thursdays (1st of each month): 5th

Little Fishes Pre-School Group

Elsenham Memorial Hall 10.00am

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

Church Lunch Club

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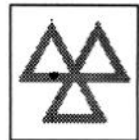
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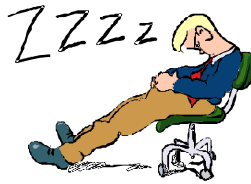
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Community Spirit

Many people have commented on the many clubs within the village. All are impressed by the community spirit and the range of organisations. There is a common thread which runs through them. They are all dependent upon a resource which sadly seems to be becoming rarer; the volunteer.

Some new ventures have come to the fore like the appearance of the coffee mornings and tea afternoons. Thanks to the ladies who do sterling work. The ECA also continues to flourish as indeed do many other groups. But I note with concern that many are becoming the victim of unintended consequences. Some time ago the female member of the species obtained (and quite rightly), equal pay.

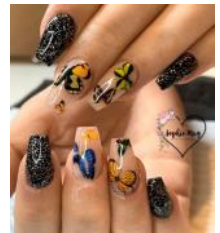
However, when the income of the family unit increased it was counted towards help in buying a property and was a major factor in house price increases. This means that many working women are "locked into" work and they are unable to assist village groups as their mothers would have done. Over time there have been a number of individuals who have enriched society by their efforts. Such a person was the late Bill Jones, for some time the Parish Council Chairman, he also ran the local Sunday School and was a mainstay in other organisations. There is an inscription on his grave stone, "He hath done all things well." A fitting tribute to a fine man.

At the time I of writing this piece there is a vacancy on the Parish Council. If this village is to continue to flourish it is imperative that people give of their time, just like the late Bill Jones and the others that came before.

Congratulations to Sophie Feddersen

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By Helen Hooker & Elizabeth Reeve

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As the days lengthen and we approach the spring equinox, Hatfield Forest is coming back to life after its winter slumbers.

Hatfield Forest - a Site of Special Scientific Interest and a National Nature Reserve - is the best preserved medieval royal forest in Europe and home to 4,000 plus species of wildlife and trees, and a refuge for many rare insects, fungi and wild flowers.

One of our volunteers recently discovered a 'coral fungus', *Marchandiomyces corallinus*, previously unrecorded here. Another sighting this winter has caused a flutter – a flock of hawfinches visiting from colder climates. Globally threatened, the hawfinch is also on the UK conservation Red List.



With so many species to look out for, why not take part in some 'citizen science' and record your sightings? You can visit www.ispotnature.org/ to make an identification and then record the details ☎ www.brc.ac.uk/irecord/. Hatfield Forest is the second most species-rich property in the whole of the National Trust's ownership – second only to Wicken Fen in Cambridgeshire.

This is the 125th anniversary year of the National Trust and we have launched a special fundraising challenge to get everyone involved to safeguard and protect unique places for future generations. For details of the 125 Challenge please ☎ www.nationaltrust.org.uk/features/fundraise-for-us .

Although the weather is improving, the heavy rain has taken its toll on Hatfield Forest this winter, leaving some of the pathways very boggy and compacted. Until the ground has recovered, we urge people to stay on our hardstanding paths or save their visits for the warmer summer months.

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The new polymer £20 banknote has just been issued. It features the British artist JMW Turner (1775 – 1851) and his painting: 'The Fighting Temeraire'. The painting shows HMS Temeraire in 1838, being towed by a steam tug towards a scrapyard at Rotherhithe on the Thames. It was a sad

ending for a ship that achieved fame at the Battle of Trafalgar in 1805. The Temeraire was immediately astern of Nelson's flagship, the Victory and played a major part in the battle. Her crew captured two enemy ships while suffering heavy casualties.

The captain of the Temeraire at Trafalgar was Eliab Harvey (1758 – 1830) from Chigwell, Essex. He shared his time between naval duties and being one of the two Members of Parliament for Essex. He was later knighted and promoted to the rank of admiral. Sir Eliab's final resting place is in the Hundred Parishes, beneath St Andrew's Church, Hempstead. The crypt holds the coffins of around fifty members of the extended Harvey family.



An earlier family member was William Harvey (1578 – 1657), the first doctor to describe the circulation of the blood. His mortal remains are also in Hempstead Church although his body was moved in 1883 from the crypt into a large sarcophagus in the chapel above the private crypt.

A print of *The Fighting Temeraire* hangs in Saffron Walden in The Temeraire, a Wetherspoon pub whose walls are richly decorated with pictures and information about local history.

The £20 note is not the first to have a local connection. The £50 note in circulation from 1994 to 2011 featured Sir John Houblon. Members of his family once owned Hatfield Forest.

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

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ELSENHAM VILLAGE HISTORY SOCIETY

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Yes, we are celebrating ten years since the first meeting of the fledgling society was held in February 2010. A local history group had long been thought about but it wasn't until then that a meeting was called and the thirteen people present at that meeting voted in the officers and agreed a constitution. Gordon Barker was voted Chairman, later to become President, and Ray Franklin, his deputy with Paul Salvidge as Treasurer and Chris Bush as Secretary. Dave Verlander and Heather Salvidge were voted on to the committee.

Since those early days, we have had another forty meetings featuring a wide range of speakers presenting on everything from the Black Death to holidays at the seaside via King's College Chapel and the Saffron Walden Branch Railway to name but a few. An early speaker was the late John Hurwitz who, as the retired Managing Director, gave a fascinating talk about the Elsenham Jam Factory from its earliest days through to its sale to a multi-national company. This was one of our most popular talks and to mark our 10th anniversary Ray Franklin will be reprising John's talk using both the original material and new information that has come to light subsequently. If you have old memories of the factory or have never heard of it do come along to find out more about one of our most famous and loved institutions.

Over the years, various bits of research by members has been transferred into our publications covering such subjects as the Pantomime Society, Elsenham School, Broom Farm and of course For The Duration – Elsenham in Conflict published to commemorate the fallen of World War One. Our latest book will be published at our next meeting on 11 March. It is entitled History Walks Around Elsenham and it describes a gentle ramble around the village and its surroundings with a short description of what you are seeing. Details of all our books may be found on our website. Set up in December 2013, the site has since evolved into a resource packed full of information including a number of recordings of village residents, some sadly no longer with us, and an accompanying transcript. There are also a number of short articles such as the Canal That Never Was and a number of photo galleries with photographs old and new of the village and its goings on. Do take time to have a look at www.elsenham-history.co.uk, it's worth it.

Our next meeting will be held on Wednesday 11 March 2020 and will mark the 10th anniversary of the Society. Ten years ago we set membership at £5 for the year - a bargain then and an even better bargain now. So please, come along and join us to help celebrate our birthday. Visitors pay £2 per meeting but this is the ideal time to join us for just a fiver– it really is worth it!

Finally, it just remains to say thank you to everyone who has supported us over the last ten years, members and contributors alike. Thank you all, here's to the next ten years!



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NATURAL OUTLOOK ON SOME UNUSUAL SIGHTINGS

By Heather Salvidge ☎ 814153

When writing about the birds, which we see locally I tend to describe a siskin or a bullfinch in some detail but simplify doing the same for chaffinches and greenfinches. Perhaps this isn't fair on these two species simply because they are “common”. This is a good time of year to give them closer attention that they might get were they “rare.”



Greenfinches are about 6”, beak to forked tail end and rather chubby and thick necked with a thick bill. Juveniles coming into adult plumage are mostly a rather drab brown on the back with a streaky, paler chest and throat and just some greenish yellow on the wing edges and some black patches on the lower back. At a distance they may look just brownish but like adults seem to have darker set eyes. Females have more colour; head and upper back brown, a greenish/ greyish chest and more yellow on the wings and tail than juveniles. The males, however, are much flashier; grey/green upper parts, a yellowish green breast and a lot of yellow showing on the wing primaries and the tail, especially in flight. Really a very handsome and colourful bird.

The long tail of both chaffinch sexes makes them a teeny bit longer than greenfinches and they are less chubby. Chaffinches' plumage has the same sort of variation as greenfinches have, in that the females (and juveniles) are a lot less showy than the males. The females are grey/green/brown above and a paler greenish/white below and have two white wing bars between two black ones, this helps to tell them apart from female house sparrows. The males, however, have a lovely bluey grey head and back nape and a reddish brown mantle. Cheeks and chest in prime males at this time of year are a gorgeous deep pink (bullfinches' chests are a pinkish/red). They have the double white wing bars white tail-sides and a grey/green rump. Altogether another handsome bird at its best, perhaps, when in full song it is perched at the top of a white-flowered blackthorn shrub.

By contrast, two other species, little egrets and Egyptian geese, once rarities, are now accepted on the British List. About 30 years ago little egrets were scarce dwellers on the south coast. Now, because of, perhaps, climate change, they have moved north and west, settled and bred and can be encountered not only on the coast but in some inland watery places. As I have mentioned, we had one in the back garden when our watercourse was in flood.

Locally, north and south of Thaxted, the Chelmer often attracts them especially on the water meadows valley south of Stanbrook and Monk Street. They are elegant birds, a medium sized heron and mainly “Persil White” with black legs and yellow toes that makes them look as if they are wearing slippers. In the breeding season they have a two-feather plume from the top of their heads.

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SCOUTING NEWS

By Matt Morland (Akela) ☎ 07747 272706

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Our first half term of the year has brought a multitude of scouting activities to our members, both young people and adults, with event planning for the summer moving forward apace. Our Beavers have already hiked, cooked on BBQs, coded and decoded messages and learnt the story of The Good Samaritan, which links with their promise “to be kind and helpful”. Cubs held a Mad Science evening with Jurassic Jill, discussed environmental issues on Australia Day and took part in a problem-solving evening, with all activities working towards badges and awards. Cubs also attended the Hatfield Forest District Winter walk in January, joining with other Cub packs to walk from Hatfield Forest to Birchanger.

Both of our sections celebrated Chinese New Year by learning about the lunar calendar, Chinese traditions and playing themed games. The upcoming half-term break will also see our Founders Day celebrated worldwide on 22 February, which is Robert Baden-Powell’s birthday.

A new, exciting item to include this month is our recent involvement in County and national events which are open to members of all age ranges in scouting. The Essex Scouts Mountain Activity Team held their annual Lake District weekend which allows Explorer Scouts, Scout Network and leaders from across the country to learn hiking, navigation and mountaineering skills. These events enable leaders to gain experience and qualifications to run local events, such as the Winter Walk, for younger scouting sections. This year’s training weekend took us to the top of the highest mountain in England, Scafell Pike, as well as practising snow and ice techniques, safety, rescue and rope work. The weekend also saw us battling storm Ciara for some additional excitement and excellent practice for risk assessments and safety planning.



If you are interested in taking part in these activities, please get in touch to find out about volunteering with your local Scout Group.

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It was a cold and misty morning in January when Tony Wellings and the Walking Group set off for Bishop's Stortford in order to return to Stansted via the tow path then through the Town Park and the Country Park.

Tony is very knowledgeable on wildlife but this time it wasn't a new species of hedgehog he discovered but an old discarded broom. Just what he needed, as you can see by the beam on his face in the photograph.

We have had a meeting for new members with tea and some lovely home-made cakes and hope to make these a regular feature during the year. Two other new groups have also started: Book Group 2020 which will meet on the first Tuesday of the month and a Pilates Group which will meet on Thursdays at 12.50pm. The new cribbage group would also welcome some more members. They meet at the Day Centre on the fourth Thursday at 2pm. Further details of these groups can be found on the website or ring ☎ 07874 385541

At our next Saturday seminar on 14 March, Neil Faulkner will be presenting "The History of the World in a Morning" (minus the boring bits). Tickets can be ordered and paid for on our website.

On 9 May we will be having a special tenth Anniversary Quiz and Supper. Put this in your diary now, more details to come later.

Kate Cole, a local historian, is the speaker at our next meeting which is on 20 March in St John's Hall at 1.30pm for 2pm. She is a genealogist and author who will speak on 'The Witches of Elizabethan Essex.' Tony – bring your broom!

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See page 49 for the training schedule.

Henham 10k runners training schedule

- Note: days can be moved around, aim for 3-4 runs a week.
- Always do some gentle stretches and brisk walk or gentle jog for 5 minutes before starting your run and finish with a similar 5-minute brisk walk and stretches. This will help avoid the morning after feeling of stiffness in your muscles.
- CT – cross training eg swimming, walking, tennis, cycling.
- EZ – easy pace you can chat all the way round.
- 7/10 – just outside comfort zone unable to chat.
- 9/10 – outside comfort zone, not even thinking about chatting
- One complete rest day a week is essential to allow any microscopic muscle injuries to heal. Up to three rest days a week are acceptable, try to get in a brisk walk of at least 10 minutes on those extra rest days.

W/b	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thur	Fri	Sat	Sun
6 April	EZ run 4 mins. walk 2 min. Repeat	Rest	CT or rest	EZ run 4 mins. walk 2 min. Repeat	Rest	EZ run 5 mins. Walk 2 min. Repeat	EZ run 12 min.
13 April	EZ run 5 mins, walk 1 min. Repeat	Rest	CT or rest	EZ run 6 mins. Walk 1min. Repeat	Rest	EZ run 6 mins. Walk 1min. repeat	EZ run 15 mins.
20 April	2.5k run EZ	Rest	CT or rest	EZ run 6 min. 7/10 run 2 min. Walk 1 min. Repeat	Rest	EZ run 6 min. 7/10 run 2 min. Walk 1 min. repeat	EZ run 20 mins
27 April	3k EZ run	Rest	CT or rest	EZ run 3 min. 7/10 run 2 min. Repeat X 3	Rest	EZ run 3 min. 7/10 run 2 min Repeat x3	20-25 min EZ run
4 May	4k EZ run	Rest	CT or rest	4 min EZ. 2 min 7/10 30 sec 9/10 Repeat X3	Rest	4 min EZ. 2 min 7/10 30 sec 9/10. Repeat X3	25-30 min EZ run
11 May	5k EZ road route	Rest	CT or rest	5k hilly route	Rest	5k off road	25-30 min EZ run
18 May	5 min EZ. 2 min 7/10 1 min 9/10. Repeat X3	Rest	CT or rest	5 min EZ. 2 min 7/10 1 min 9/10. Repeat X3	Rest	5 min EZ. 2 min 7/10 1 min 9/10. Repeat X3	30-35 min EZ run
25 May	6k EZ road route	Rest	CT or rest	6k all-terrain	Rest	5 min EZ. 2 min 7/10 1 min 9/10. Repeat X3	30-35 min EZ run
1 June	7k road route	Rest	CT or rest	7k all-terrain	Rest	6 min EZ. 2 min 7/10 1 min 9/10. Repeat X3	35-40 min EZ run
8 June	8k EZ road route	Rest	CT or rest	8k all-terrain	Rest	6 min EZ. 3 min 7/10 1 min 9/10. Repeat X3	35-40 min EZ run
15 June	9k road route	Rest	CT or rest	9k all-terrain	Rest	5 min EZ. 2 min 7/10 1 min 9/10. Repeat X3	45 min EZ run
22 June	30 min run	Rest	CT or rest	20 min run	Rest	10 min EZ run	Henham 10k

Hospice launches monthly lifestyle and wellbeing workshops

The monthly lifestyle and wellbeing workshops, called 'Last Thursday Sessions,' are hosted on the last Thursday of every month. The workshops are open to all local people in West Essex and East Hertfordshire. The workshops include a presentation from a local speaker around topical issues relating to wellbeing, followed by an informal, facilitated discussion amongst the group.

The next session in March will take place on Thursday 26th March, 2pm – 4pm, and will focus on 'Mindfulness & Relaxation' delivered by Rose Morris. Sessions are free to attend, just turn up at St Clare Hospice on the day at 2pm.



St Clare's Bereavement Café Bereavement Cafés are open to local people living in West Essex and East Hertfordshire who have experienced bereavement, no matter how long ago. Bereavement Café offers a place to meet and connect with other local people who have had similar experiences to our own. It is a safe space to speak openly about our experiences, or simply just meet up for a cup of tea or coffee in the company of others who understand. Bereavement Café is free to attend - you are welcome to drop in at any time throughout the event. The atmosphere is relaxed and informal, with hot drinks and refreshments.



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Last Wednesday of the month 10am – 12pm



Weekly coffee shop opens at St Clare Hospice

every Friday morning from 9.30am – 12pm at the Hospice in Hastingwood open to all local people to visit for tea, coffee and breakfast at great prices – with all purchases going back into the charity's funds.

St Clare Hospice is a charity providing specialist palliative care for people living with terminal or life-limiting illnesses across West Essex and East Herts border. We care for patients and their families, providing physical, emotional, social, psychological and spiritual support, and ensuring they have timely access to skilled, compassionate and sensitive care in a place of their choice. Our services are free of charge to those who need our care, but cost over £4.6 million a year to run. With limited NHS funding we need to fundraise the majority of this each year through donations and other voluntary sources.

FROM THE PARISH REGISTERS

Baptism:

- On 2nd February 2020 at Henham Church, Asa Stribling.

Funeral:

- A service of thanksgiving on Wednesday 19 February at St Peter's Ugley, followed by a cremation at Cam Valley Crematorium, Great Chesterford, Stephen Irvine-Fynn aged 72 years, of Alsa Wood, Stansted.

World Day of Prayer (Interdenominational)

Be part of a 24 hour world wide chain of prayer.

Join us for as long or as short as you can.

Everyone welcome, bring your children and husbands too!

11am on Friday 6 March 2020 at OSCA, Henham

This year's service is prepared by the **Christian Women of Zimbabwe.**

The theme of the service is: **'Rise! Take Your Mat and Walk'.**


11am coffee and tea

11.30 An informal service

12.30pm by lunch

2pm Close

Please come for as much time as you are able to. All are welcome. If you need transport or further information, please contact the church office on

 814285



Sat 14 3.00pm Dolittle (PG)

Sun 15 8.00pm Parasite (15)

Sat 4 8.00pm Dark Waters (12A)

Sat 11 2.00pm Frozen II (U) Sing-along screening

Thu 16 7.20pm David Attenborough: A Life on Our Planet – Live from the World Premiere

CELEBRATIONS, FUND RAISING & VOLUNTEERS

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www.thejshospice.org.uk



Pedal for The J's Hospice 2020 - Sunday 3 May

The popular annual cycle ride, Pedal for The J's, is returning to Chelmsford on Sunday 3 May. Cyclists have a choice of three rides - 15, 35 and 50 miles - through the beautiful local countryside, all starting and finishing in Admirals Park.

The ride raises money for The J's - part of the Havens Hospices charity - which supports young adults with complex or incurable conditions and their families across Essex.

Pedal for The J's appeals to people looking for a relaxing, scenic ride as well as experienced teams from cycling clubs. Last year, around 900 keen cyclists signed up and raised just over £31,500 which helped to pay for a range of services including tailored nursing and emotional care, advice and social activities.

Organisers at Havens Hospices are hoping to see 1,000 bicycles at the start line on 3rd May and they are very grateful to Beaulieu in Chelmsford for sponsoring this event for the sixth time. Sign up now at www.havenshospices.org.uk/pedal



The J's Hospice provide hospice care, respite and support to young adults, aged 16-40 with life limiting conditions and life threatening illnesses across Essex. Only 30% of The J's Hospice funding comes from statutory sources – 70% comes from direct giving and fundraising within the community. The J's Hospice was founded in 2004 and began delivering 'Hospice at Home' service to young adults in 2010.

NOW WE SHALL BE ENTIRELY FREE

By Andrew Miller

Reviewed by Marion Giles



'One rainswept winter's night in 1809, an unconscious man is carried into a house in Somerset. He is Captain John Lacroix, home from Britain's disastrous campaign against Napoleon's forces in Spain. Gradually Lacroix recovers his health, but not his peace of mind. He will not - cannot - talk about the war or face the memory of what took place on the retreat to Corunna. After the command comes to return to his regiment, he sets out instead for the Hebrides, unaware that he has far worse to fear than being dragged back to the army: a vicious English corporal and a Spanish officer with secret orders are on his trail. In luminous prose, Miller portrays a man shattered by what he has witnessed, on a journey that leads to unexpected friendships, even to love. But as the short northern summer reaches its zenith, the shadow of the enemy is creeping closer. Freedom, for John Lacroix, will come at a high price... ..' So says the blurb on the back of the book.

Reviews: "Both a ripping yarn and a skilful mediation on absence ... The pacing of his story is excellent; his style is crisp; his apprehension of pain is arresting; and his ability to show people trembling at the edge of unreason is compelling." *Andrew Motion, Guardian*

This was the choice of the book group this month. This book starts slowly but does pick up into an interesting and engrossing read.

Andrew Miller sets this novel in a time of trouble and change, a continent at war. It is part love story, part adventure. The author has revealed that the plot is derived in part from a terrible incident during the Vietnam War, the massacre at My Lai in 1967. The three main characters take their names from American soldiers involved in this massacre – Lacroix, Medina and Calley.

The story begins in Somerset when Lacroix (a British officer) is brought home from the war in Spain. The story moves back to Spain where we are given information about what has happened in the town of Morales.

John's journey from Somerset to Scotland is fraught with much strife and bad fortune on land and on sea. He ends up on a Scottish isle, where he meets a family of a brother and two sisters. They take him in and allow him to recover and he becomes entangled in their lives, beliefs and needs, especially Emily.

We follow the journey through both John's eyes (the hunted) and the hunters' eyes, Calley and Medina. We do not hear John's story until near the end of the novel so it is unclear what is pursuing him: justice, revenge or guilt.

Until the final pages it seemed that all the characters have chances and choices. However, the ending is somewhat ambiguous and we differed in our interpretation of what it meant. Whether this is deliberate or not is unknown.

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STANSTED HALL & ELSENHAM CRICKET CLUB

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



Work on the Molehill Green pavilion has begun and all paperwork has been completed. The club has a 25 year licence with Molehill Green Cricket Club and the Essex County Cricket Club so cricket will start this season at the ground. David Brown, Chairman of SHECC said 'After our first option at Elsenham Place failed the club was so lucky to receive a friendly call from John Smith, Chairman of Molehill Green Cricket Club. He had the vision that others lacked.'

Indoor nets were well attended on 6 February for the seniors. The Herts & Essex Border League fixtures start on 2 May with our 1st XI away to North Weald and our 2nd XI at home to local rivals Takeley II.

It has been a very busy winter break at the club with improvements also taking place at our Stansted Hall ground mainly in our netting and veranda areas.

If you want to join the club please contact me as above – any person from five years upwards can join but if you are that young please ask your parents first.

Elsenham Tennis Club Quiz Night

**Saturday, 4 April 2020 7.30 for 8pm start
at the Bowls Club**



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ELSENHAM TENNIS CLUB

By Petra Studholme ☎814667 ☎07884 024106



Preparing for the tennis season starting in April

Our membership starts in April and the committee decided to keep fees unchanged from last year - they are amongst the most affordable in the area and we have excellent facilities including regular club nights, Sunday afternoon leisure play, ladies' Friday morning play, weekly Wednesday evening coaching sessions and more. We have floodlights operated by tokens so you can play until late in the evenings, summer and winter. For more info go to www.elsenhamtennisclub.co.uk.

We also participate in the Essex Small Club League in men's, ladies' and mixed if you want to join our teams. Being a member of ETC (and becoming a member of British Tennis for free) means that you are also eligible to enter the Wimbledon Ballot we hold again in spring of next year. If you fancy applying for Wimbledon tickets, it's a great way to increase your chances to watch Wimbledon at SW19.

Coaching update

Lessons are available – to find out more see our website (details above) or email mail@elsenhamtennisclub.co.uk.

ESCL results

The men won their league match against Harlow in style 13:3, well done.

Court hire – daytime and evening (we have floodlights that work on tokens so available to anyone). Non-members can hire our courts when they are not already booked for lessons, club sessions or matches, email or call Petra. Tokens for the lights can also be purchased from us.

Follow us on Facebook

If you follow our Elsenham Tennis Club group on Facebook, you will find further and more frequent updates on planned activities such as the Sunday afternoon play or half-term activities.

ETC quiz on 4 April, 7.30pm for 8pm start at the Bowls Club

Our quiz with Trevor is an important fundraising event for us; and all funds will be used to improve our club facilities. There will be a ploughman's supper and a licensed bar and raffle. Please call Petra or email petra@elsenhamtennisclub.co.uk

Weekly Activities

Tuesday Club Night – 8pm until 10.30pm. All welcome
Wednesday Tots' Tennis Lessons (Pre-school) – 1.45-2.30pm
Wednesday Club Practice Sessions – 7.30-9pm
Friday Ladies' Morning – from 10am
Saturday Tots' Tennis Lessons (Nursery/reception/key stage 1) – 10.30am-12pm
Sunday Leisure Tennis Play – 2pm

ELSENHAM BOWLS AND SOCIAL CLUB

By Sue Waite ✉ suewaite2003@yahoo.co.uk



Although the new bowls season is yet to begin, work continues daily to maintain the bowls' green, ensuring prime condition for the opening on the 24 April. This is followed by an Anniversary Match on Saturday 25 April to celebrate 25 years since the bowls club opened. This will be our first match of the season and worth coming to, so make sure you have a rink-side seat on the day.

Throughout the winter, an unknown creature has been digging up the green, presumably looking for juicy worms or buried treasure. As a consequence of this, we have purchased an electric fence which will be installed before the season begins.

Apart from the usual crib on Tuesdays, darts on Wednesdays and Short Mat on Thursdays, we have a new pool team that meets on Mondays, to practice before the league starts later this year. If you would like to join the pool team then come along to the club any Monday at 8pm and ask for Lee Reilly who runs the team.

The WI uses the Bowls Club for Knit and Natter nights on the first Wednesday of each month starting at 7.30pm There is delicious cake and friendly chat; the bar is always open.

Elsenham Village Café uses the bowls club for Coffee Mornings on the second and fourth Tuesday of each month from 9.30am. It's an opportunity to meet friends and chat over fresh coffee.

Other events happening soon are:

Bingo – 14 March 7 for 7.30 start.

Quiz Night – 21 March - £8 per head includes supper. Contact Trevor ☎ 813735 or Jean ☎ 816151 to book a table.

Bingo - 28 March 7 for 7.30pm start

Lewis, Simply Swing - 30 May 7.30pm – more details to follow.

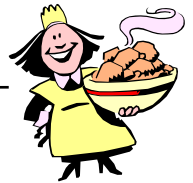
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COOKERY CORNER

By Sue Johnson ☎ 812704



This cake has fresh, fruity flavours and a splash of colour on the top. Easy!

ORANGE AND PASSION FRUIT TRAYBAKE (serves 12-16)

- 6 oz (150g) butter or margarine, plus a little extra for the tin
- 6 oz (150g) caster sugar
- 3 eggs
- 2 tablespoons milk
- 6oz (150g) self-raising flour
- 1 orange, zested and juiced
- For the mascarpone topping:
 - 250g tub mascarpone
 - 1 tablespoon icing sugar
 - 4 tablespoons fresh orange juice
 - 1 teaspoon vanilla extract
 - 2 passion fruit

Heat oven, to 180°C/fan 160°C/gas 4. Butter and line a 9" (23cm) square cake tin with baking parchment.

Cream together butter (or margarine) and caster sugar, using an electric whisk until light and fluffy, then beat in the eggs one at a time. Sieve in the flour and fold it in. Add the orange zest and juice, fold that in as well, then pour into the prepared tin, smoothing over the top.

Bake for 25 minutes. A skewer should come out clean when inserted in the middle.

Remove the cake from the oven, leave for 5 minutes, then remove from the tin, peel away the parchment and leave to cool on a wire rack.

Meanwhile, make the topping by mixing the mascarpone, icing sugar, orange juice and vanilla until smooth. Cut open the passion fruit, scoop out the seeds, then add half to the mix, reserving the rest.

Use a palette knife to spread the topping over the cooled cake, then drizzle over the remaining passion fruit seeds.

CHEF'S SUGGESTION: The sponge can be frozen for later use. Add the topping once defrosted.

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.

Copy submitted after the 12th may not be accepted but will, if deemed appropriate, be held over to the next month. We are happy to receive handwritten articles that ideally should reach us earlier than the 12th to allow for scanning etc.

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

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

General Notes

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The editors and the ECA can accept no responsibility for the goods or services advertised in the magazine. Advertisements are included in good faith. The editors reserve the right to allow replies to letters/articles to be made in the same edition when appropriate.

The editors' decision is final.

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	Single Insertion	Annual Cost (11 issues)
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To place an advertisement:

For any queries please contact us. Please send your advert as Word or Publisher via email to elsenhamnews@hotmail.co.uk

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It costs £50 to insert an advertising flyer into the magazine. You must let us know by the deadline of the 12th. You must also provide the flyers.

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ECA Website

www.ElsenhamCommunityAssociation.org.uk

If you respond to one of the adverts in the magazine, please tell the advertiser that you found them in *Elsenham News*.



UPCOMING EVENTS

Plant Sale Saturday 16 May 2.30pm Memorial Hall
Saturday 6 June Elsenham Village Fete
Vintage Toy and Doll Display St Mary's Church Sat 20/Sun 21 June
Henham School Fun Run and Fete Sunday 28 June
Elsenham Flower Show Saturday 22 August 3pm Memorial Hall
Santa visits the village 5 December 1pm Village Hall

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Cricket Club	David Brown	831011
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ECA (Secretary)	Jill French	647543
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