

Elsenham News



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Elsenham Village Regular Monthly or Quarterly Activities

- Parish Council 1st **Monday** of month 8pm (2nd Monday on Bank Holidays) Memorial Hall
- Community Choir 1st & 3rd **Tuesdays** of the month 7pm Village Hall
- Henham & District Garden Society 1st **Tuesday** of month 2.30 - 4pm Memorial Hall
- Life Drawing 2nd **Tuesday** of month 7.30 - 9.30pm Village Hall
- Village Café coffee morning 1st & 3rd **Tuesday** 9.30-11.30am Memorial Hall
- Village Café coffee morning 2nd & 4th **Tuesday** 9.30 - 11.30am Bowls & Social Club
- Village History Society 1st **Wednesday** of month quarterly 7.45pm Memorial Hall
- Natter Night 2nd **Wednesday** of the month from 7.30pm Bowls & Social Club

March 2022

Tues 1	Henham & District Garden Society	Memorial Hall 2.30pm
Tues 1	Village Café Coffee Morning	Memorial Hall 9.30 - 11.30am
Tues 1 & 15	Elsenham Community Choir	Village Hall 7pm
Mon 7	Parish Council Meeting	Memorial Hall 8pm
Tues 8 & 22	Village Café Coffee Morning	Bowls Club 9.30 - 11.30am
Tues 8	Life Drawing	Village Hall 7.30pm
Wed 9	History Society Meeting	Memorial Hall 7.45 for 8pm
Wed 9	Natter Night	Bowls & Social Club 7.30pm
Fri 11	Elsenham Community Association	AGM Memorial Hall 7.45pm
Tues 15	Coffee cake and care fundraiser St Clare Hospice	Memorial hall 9.30 - 11.30am
Tues 15	St Mary's Fabric Fund AGM	Old Franks High Street 7pm
Fri 18	Church Lunch Club	Memorial Hall 12.30pm
Sat 12 & 19	Bingo	Bowls & Social Club 7 for 7.30pm
Thurs 17	Elsenham WI	Memorial Hall 7.45pm
Sat 26	Bowls & Social Club Quiz	Bowls & Social Club 7.30pm

The Mobile Library visits Elsenham every third Thursday calling at Glebe End 11.50am - 12.20pm

Next visit dates: 3rd & 24th March and 14th April

April 2022

Sat 2 & 16	Bingo	Bowls & Social Club 7pm for 7.30
Mon 4	Parish Council Meeting	Memorial Hall 8pm
Tues 5 & 19	Village Café Coffee Morning	Memorial Hall 9.30 - 11.30am
Tues 5	Henham & District Garden Soc	Memorial Hall 2.30pm
Tues 5 & 19	Elsenham Community Choir	Village Hall 7pm
Fri 8 & 22	Church Lunch Club	Memorial Hall 12.30pm
Tues 12 & 26	Village Café Coffee Morning	Bowls Club 9.30 - 11.30am
Tues 12	Life Drawing	Village Hall 7.30pm
Wed 13	Natter Night	Bowls & Social Club 7.30pm
Fri 15	Good Friday Village walk	Starts at top car park Playing field
Thurs 21	Elsenham WI	Memorial Hall 7.45pm
Sat 30	Tennis Club Quiz	Bowls & Social Club 7.30pm

Elsenham Village Regular Weekly Activities

Day	Time	Activity	Location
Monday	9.30-10.30am	Zumba	Memorial Hall
	10.30am	Health walk	Start at De Mandeville Green
	7-8.30pm	Guides	Village Hall (term-time)
	7.30-8.30pm	Shape to the beat	Memorial Hall (not 1st Monday)
Tuesday	4.45-5.45pm	Rainbows	Memorial Hall (term-time)
	6-7.30pm	Brownies	Memorial Hall (term-time)
	8-10.30pm	Tennis Club night	Tennis Courts
	8pm	Fitness Yoga/Pilates	Memorial Hall
Wednesday	9.45-11.30am	Tots & Toddlers	Memorial Hall (term-time)
	5.30-7.30pm	Slimming World	Memorial Hall
	5.45-6.45pm	Beavers	Village Hall (term-time)
	7-9pm	Scouts	Village Hall (term-time)
Thursday	9.30-11am	Slimming World	Memorial Hall
	6.30-7.45pm	Cubs	Village Hall (term-time)
Friday	10-11am	Little Fishes	Memorial Hall (term-time)
	5.45-6.45pm	Beavers Group 2	Village Hall (term-time)
Saturday	9am-12pm	Junior Football	Playing Field
	8.45-9.30am	Little Kickers Mighty	Village Hall (term time)
	9.35-10.20am	Little Kickers Junior	Village Hall (term time)

Elsenham Village Café.

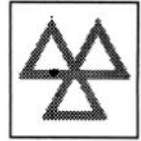
The update on the cafe is that we are no longer serving afternoon tea on Thursday afternoons. We will instead be serving coffee at our new coffee morning on Tuesday mornings. Our times are:

- **Village Café coffee morning 1st & 3rd Tuesday 9.30-11.30am Memorial Hall**
(An exercise class is offered here to anyone interested in a bit of gentle stretching.)
- **Village Café coffee morning 2nd & 4th Tuesday 9.30 - 11.30am Bowls & Social Club** (bacon rolls will be on offer once a month at this venue)

Best wishes Sue Waite.

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THE NEWS REPORT

From The Editors



The Constant is Change

There is one constant in life – change. Everything changes, always. The Elsenham News Team has changed and the new team would like to say a massive thank you to the team before us, who voluntarily put in the time and effort to keep this part of village life going for so many years. Thank you.

Now it is the turn of the new team and, over time, we will be changing things too. But that change needs to be driven by you, the reader. The village is a very different place to the one many of us remember from 20 years ago. The demographics have changed. People's expectations of lifestyle and village facilities has changed. So please, tell us what you would like from your village publication, and let's make that change.

The artwork on the front cover is by a new member of the team, a young lady with great talent. It would be wonderful to have more young people like her coming forward and getting involved. Send us an email and introduce yourself and your ideas. We look forward to hearing from you.

The new team consists of Emma, Nathalie, Christine, Patricia, Anne, Kirstie, Nyaradzo, Tim and Samantha. Thank you all. Our thanks also to Graham and Margaret for sticking with us as our invaluable proof-readers and Ian for keeping the money going! Our thanks also to Prontaprint for looking after us so well.

Also, a massive thank you to Chris and her team of distributors for getting the publication into your homes. Without them our efforts would be pointless.

We all look forward to being of service to you for many years to come, and making the magazine reflect the new Elsenham. Don't be shy – let us know what you would like.

And finally, please don't be too upset with us if you find any errors. This is our first time out of the blocks and we are all just volunteers finding our feet!

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LETTER TO THE EDITORS

Letters must contain the author's name and address (which may be withheld). The Editors reserve the right to allow replies to letters/articles to be made in the same magazine when appropriate. The Editors' decision is final.



Dear Editors,

Memories of Peter Clear by Therese Clear

As many of you will be aware, Peter Clear sadly but peacefully passed away on 28th November last year. He will be missed by his family and many friends and colleagues in the village as being a bit of a character but always with the best intentions for all he took part in as a member of our Community.

I first met Peter through Elsenham Bowls Club when he invited me to accompany him to the Summer Ball. Our first actual date though was to the Bingo held a few days later and that was our lucky ticket and set the scene to follow for the next 18 years, being married in 2004 and not quite making our 17th Anniversary in 2021.

Peter was a Founder Member of the Elsenham Bowls Club being one of four people who took the idea of a Bowls Club in the Village from paper to reality and was staunchly supportive of his role in various positions within the Club, finishing eventually as a Trustee. Peter loved his bowls and took great pleasure in representing the Club at all levels throughout his bowls career from novice through to Badged County player.

Peter was also involved for more than 20 years with the Parish Council and for much of that time, one of his roles was as the Chairman of the Playing Field Committee; so those of you and your children that enjoy the facilities on the playing field, this is mostly down to his dedicated efforts to make it a good place for people to gather, play, play football and just enjoy a safe open space. The Playing Field won two gold awards in 2021 which sadly Peter did not get to know about before he died but he would have been very proud to have headed the team that made this happen.

Peter has been laid to rest in Elsenham Cemetery and I am able to go and say hello to him and tell him what the village is up to when I want to visit. He would have been immensely impressed by the attendance at his funeral by so many people (and even that was limited by the Covid situation). His funeral was a sad occasion but a jolly affair with great music (mostly chosen by himself), lovely poetry and readings by our family so thank you all for attending, if not in person, then in spirit.

So many lovely people sent me cards and messages of support and apologies for not being able to attend and I can't hope to write thank you notes to all of you. However, I do want to collectively thank you all for your messages and cards, phone calls, texts and chats in the street which have made me aware of just how much people thought of Peter and how much he will be missed. As I said in my funeral address, he could be a cantankerous man at times, but he was my cantankerous man and I'm going to miss him very much.

St. Mary's Fabric Fund

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Welcome back to our Elsenham News slot after the Christmas break. We hope that you had an enjoyable time. From our point of view, the major blow over the holiday period was the sudden, and sad, death of our friend and committee member Barry Halliwell during the Christmas Tree Festival. He has left a large hole that will be very difficult to fill.

Speaking of the Christmas Tree Festival, we have a plea to make to the village. Your Fabric Fund committee is not getting any younger – we seem to have missed the “Peter Pan” gene – and we are finding it harder and harder to plan, organize and run our activities as our pool of volunteers diminishes. We need more people to step up and help us. Without that it is very likely that the 2022 Christmas Tree Festival will be our last, and a tradition established in 2009 will come to an end.

We have our AGM on Tuesday, 15 March, 7 pm in “Old Franks” on the High Street, which would be an ideal time for anyone interested to come along and find out more about what we do and what is involved in helping us. Alternatively speak to our secretary, Elizabeth Barker 813543 or to me. Your Church is a very important building dating back to 1110, when Henry I was on the throne! It is of major historical importance, and needs a lot of TLC, which is where our fund-raising activities come in.

We are still planning our activities for this year, although we would like to repeat the successful “end of summer holidays BBQ” and we will be holding our Christmas Tree Festival in December – possibly for the last time as noted above. Please give a thought to helping us out – it can be as little or as much as you like.

I look forward to hearing from you. Thank you

David Hill

Chairman St. Mary's Fabric Fund. 812397

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MARCH 2022

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You may have read that the Department for Levelling Up, Housing and Communities (DLUHC) has decided to take control of major planning application decisions away from UDC. Our MP is a minister in that department.

The new process means that developers or sites that are either of 10 homes or more, or on a site of greater than 1 hectare, can bypass UDC and seek approval directly from the Planning Inspectorate, which is an agency of DLUHC. In effect, our MP's department gets to decide what gets built in Uttlesford and where, not locally elected representatives.

The reason for this that DLUHC state is that UDC is refusing too many applications which end up being overturned on appeal. Uttlesford's rate for this is 16.5%. This seems at odds with the data that shows that there are 3 other authorities with higher overturn rates where the government hasn't intervened in the same way. Amongst that group, it is interesting to note that UDC is the only authority controlled by an independent residents' group.

What we do know is that Uttlesford has been one of the largest housebuilding districts in the country for the last decade. Without doubt this is due to our proximity to London, high margins for developers, and two failed Local Plans by the previous UDC administration.

We are not apologetic for turning down poor developments that are overrunning our villages and towns. We don't 'dance with [tycoon property] donors' – we stick up for residents. But for a decade we have heard the term 'build, build, build. Residents have repeatedly said 'no' to unsustainable development. So now they've decided that instead they want to be able to approve thousands of new houses via the back door. It is an appalling betrayal of local democracy." The threshold is 10 % turnover of appeals, four years ago it was 20%. The time line the Government have looked at is 2018-2020, half of that time we were not in administration. Those of you who have attended planning meetings in 2018 will recollect hearing, "we might as well approve as we will lose at appeal !"

At UDC we are working with DLUHC to understand what process they want to use and what it takes for local residents to be able to decide for themselves again. We are however still open for business and the risk for developers of going straight to the Inspector is that there isn't an opportunity to appeal.

Parish councils and local residents should continue to respond to planning applications and look out for guidance from UDC as the DLUHC makes it clear how they'd like the new process to work.

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We believe that this removal of local decision-making is an unwarranted and we feel cynical political move and we will work hard to overturn it, while still responding to residents' needs and wishes.

As always feel free to contact us at any time .

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From April, the Bereavement Café at Crafton Green House in Stansted will be held every two weeks, on the first and third Wednesday of the month, 10-11.30am. The drop-in café is free to join and there is no need to book, just turn up. The address is: Crafton Green House, 72 Chapel Hill, Stansted, Essex, CM24 8AQ.

The Bereavement Café in Saffron Walden is held on the third Thursday of every month. 10-11.30am at Salvation Army, 5 Abbey Lane, Saffron Walden CB10 1AG.

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Open Gardens 2022 – Your Hospice needs you!

With spring just around the corner, St Clare Hospice is beginning to look ahead to its perennially popular Open Gardens Weekends and is hoping to grow its success by inviting new venues to open their gardens to the public. Open Gardens will take place throughout June and July, giving green-fingered fans a chance to explore some of the best-kept green spaces in our catchment area. If you have a blooming beautiful garden, would like to share its beauty and raise vital funds for the Hospice, please contact Ellie Gale to get involved in Open Gardens 2022.

Ellie Gale, Community Fundraiser at St Clare Hospice, on ☎ [01279 773734](tel:01279773734) or ellie.gale@stclarehospice.org.uk

Sign up now to take part in the St Clare 10k!

Entries are open to push yourself to the limit by striding around the stunning countryside surrounding St Clare Hospice. The 10k takes place on Sunday, 10 April 2022 and the race sets off at 10.30am. Advance entry is £15 (affiliated runners £13). Participants must be aged 15 years or above.

For more information, and to book your place, visit:
stclarehospice.org.uk/event/st-clare-10k-april-2022/@st

St Clare Hospice Wellbeing Hub services

Our new Wellbeing Hub has secured funding to help the Hospice deliver a broad range of activities and improve the lives of local people living with life limiting illness and help maintain their independence. It offers a range of community education and networking events, therapeutic groups and specialist clinics. By attending and taking part, people can come to terms with their diagnosis, find out how to navigate health and social care systems, plan for their own care, create new support networks and make friends.

We are using some of the new funding to launch a series of education events which will be run on the last Thursday of every month at the Hospice. The first of these events called “**What is a Hospice**” will be on **Thursday, 31 March, 1.30-3.30pm**. The session will explore what hospice care is and how it can help people – especially if they receive an early referral. The sessions are open to local people (including service users and carers) and give them the chance to learn and meet others who are in similar circumstances.

For more information, visit:
stclarehospice.org.uk/bereavement-cafe

The new Bereavement café in Sawbridgeworth is due to open on Tuesday, 5 April from 2-4 pm. It will be held on the first Tuesday of every month at the Hailey Centre, Sayesbury Manor, Bell Street, Sawbridgeworth CM21 9AN

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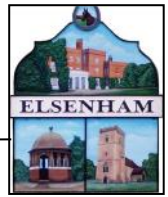
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By Allan Hathaway ECA Chairman ☎ 813385

On Friday, 11 March 2022 commencing at 7.45pm the Elsenham Community Association (ECA) will be holding its Annual General Meeting. Every resident of Elsenham is invited to attend. The Trustees who run the charity are Volunteers from the village.

The organisations who regularly hire the hall and some of which provide Organisational Representatives are Brownies, Zumba, Yoga, Tots and Toddlers, Women's Institute, Aerobics, Church Lunch Club, Elsenham Village Café, Rainbows, Little Fishes, Elsenham History Society, Henham & District Gardening Club and Elsenham Parish Council. It is also available to hire for meetings, conventions, and private parties and groups like Slimming World etc.

The ECA organise the Elsenham Village Fete, this year, on Saturday, 18 June, on the playing field, and 'Santa', an event that normally takes place in December, in the Village Hall (school) - if he is available!

The AGM is to report on the last year's events (it will be a short one) and to elect the Village Representatives / Trustees.

NEIGHBOURHOOD WATCH

DON'T GIVE YOUR CAR TO A THIEF THIS WINTER

Frosty mornings are here again and our cars are often covered in that white stuff. We don't want to go out in freezing cold cars or have to scrape the windscreen. So we go out and start our cars, turn the heater right up and put the blowers on full, and go back in doors. After 10 minutes or so our cars are nice and warm and we can step straight out of our warm houses into a nice warm car, and off we go.

But what are we advertising to the opportunist thief

With the car sitting on our drive or on the road with the engine running and smoke coming from the exhaust we are advertising that the keys are often in the car and we have just warmed it up!!

But it only takes seconds to jump in and drive it off and we have just given our valuable car to a thief. To say 'I will

keep an I eye on it, and if it happens, I can run out and stop them' isn't realistic and risks serious injury or worse as has been reported in the press only recently. **So, Stop and Think** before you go out and leave your car running and unattended.

Besides the inconvenience of not having a car **you may not be able to claim on your insurance.** Insurance companies already refuse to pay for vehicles stolen from a petrol forecourt with keys left in them. The same might apply here.



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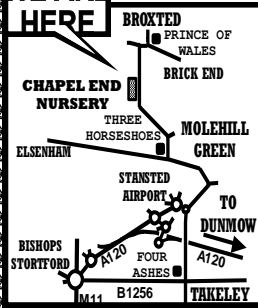
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From The Parish Registers

Funerals:

Service of Thanksgiving at Ugley Church on Friday, 26 November 2021, John William Burns, aged 85 years, formerly of Cambridge Road, Ugley.

Service of Thanksgiving at Elsenham Church, followed by a burial in the churchyard, on Wednesday, 15 December 2021, John Derek Suckling, aged 87 years, formerly of Mill Close Elsenham.

Service of Thanksgiving at Elsenham Church, followed by a burial at Elsenham Cemetery, on Tuesday, 21 December 2021, Peter Ernest Clear, aged 79 years, formerly of Station Road, Elsenham.

Cremation at Cam Valley Crematorium, followed by a Service of Thanksgiving at Elsenham Church on Thursday, 13 January 2022, Barry Halliwell, aged 73 years, formerly of Elm Close, Elsenham.


Service of Thanksgiving at Elsenham Church, followed by a burial at Elsenham Cemetery, on 3 February 2022, Kathleen Mary Clayden, aged 99 years, formerly of Croft House Care Home, Great Dunmow.

Burial of Ashes:

On Monday, 7 February 2022 at St Peter's Ugley Churchyard, Pauline Ann Collins
On Friday, 11 February 2022 at St Mary's Church Elsenham Churchyard, Diana Iris Cracknell

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GARDEN HINT

If you are growing plants from seed this spring, keep your compost somewhere dry and warm before use.

Sieve the compost to break it up before you put the seeds in and always wear gloves when handling.

ELSENHAM PARISH COUNCIL 7 FEBRUARY 2022

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



Elsenham has a new PCSO, Alex Stewart. The Parish Council part fund the PCSO with Stansted and Henham parish councils. We look forward to meeting Alex.

Our District Councillor Garry LeCount informed the Parish Council that North Hall Road will be open in 266 days, 4 November 2022.

Residents with guide dogs and assistance dogs are allowed to exercise them on the Elsenham playing field. This has always been in the rules of the playing field, which are displayed in the top car park and by the entrance to Leigh Drive. There is confusion as the signs say, 'No Dogs'. The Parish Council will be purchasing new signs stating 'No dogs except guide and assistance dogs'.

There are still allotments available on Smith Road. If you are interested, please contact the Parish Clerk louise.epc@gmail.com to obtain more details. There are no more burial plots left in the Elsenham Cemetery in the High Street. There is to be a walk round the village on Good Friday (7 April), starting at 10am in the top car park. The route will include the three proposed developments in the village.

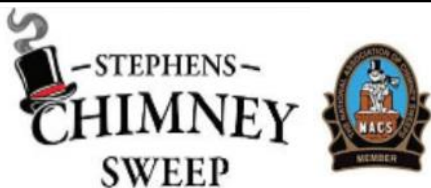
Cllr. Peter Clear sadly passed away in December 2021. Peter was chairman of the Playing Field Committee for 20 years. As a tribute to his service to the village the Parish Council are to purchase a bench dedicated to Peter which will be installed in the playing field. It will be a re-cycled bench as Peter felt very strongly about re-cycling.

Permission was given for the Elsenham Fete to be held on the playing field on Saturday 18 June 2022. It was agreed that residents could celebrate the Queen's Platinum Jubilee by having a picnic on the playing field on Sunday 5 June.

The Parish Council may become involved in the Queen's Green Canopy project which is 'Plant a tree for Jubilee'. Not only would this be supporting a green initiative, but also involves purchasing a veteran made plaque to commemorate the Queen's Platinum Jubilee. Every penny towards the plaque goes towards helping support veterans, their families, and people with disabilities.

The New Community Hall Working Group held a meeting with Jack Bennett, UDC's Principle Urban Designer who spoke about the orientation of the new Community Hall. There are pros and cons as to whether the building faces east overlooking the playing field or west facing onto the street.

The next Parish Council meeting will be Monday, 7 March 2022, 8pm in the Memorial Hall.



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DEVELOPMENT DEVELOPMENTS

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



Welcome and good luck to the new team as they assume the onerous burden of the editorial mantle. Your regular contributors will no doubt continue to submit their copy at exactly the right length by the deadline, and I'm sure you'll find that much of the magazine falls neatly into place with a minimum of effort.

Despite the extended interregnum, several ongoing developments remain much as they were before Christmas. But there have been developments of another kind.

Uttlesford District Council received a nasty, but not wholly unexpected, shock recently in the form of a Designation Notice from the absurdly-named Department for Levelling Up, Housing and Communities. The Department reckons that too many planning decisions made by UDC are being overturned at Appeal in favour of developers by the Planning Inspectorate. The penalty is that developers can now apply for major applications, defined as those of over ten homes or more than one hectare, to be determined direct by the Planning Inspectorate without going through UDC.

The provisions hold for an indefinite period. There have been some hysterical political reactions, but in practice it won't make much difference - major developers will be able to go to the Planning Inspectorate direct instead of being rejected by UDC first.

The new dispensation could be used by the applicants who want to build up to 50 homes to the south of Bedwell Road. They now allege that account has been taken of the Gladman appeal to build 220 homes north of Bedwell Road, which was refused on grounds of noise. They claim that the plans have been revised accordingly and, surprise! they now comply with every feasible objection that could be raised, such that the only possible problem faced by future residents will be the extreme sense of quietude.

Back in November 2019 UDC's Planning Committee agreed to a full application to build 130 homes to the west of Hall Road. For reasons unknown, the drafting and agreement of the Section 106 agreement has proceeded at the pace of a geriatric snail. However, there has been some more rapid movement lately (youthful snail, perhaps). It is not until the Section 106 is signed that the Parish Council can be assured of a substantial contribution towards the building of a new Community Hall on the space reserved between the playing field and Southfield Close.

UDC is moving towards an independent enquiry into the Stansted Airport planning appeal debacle. It's all very hush-hush while negotiations continue as to what seven-figure sum should be paid to the Airport by way of damages, UDC having been found responsible for 'unreasonable behaviour'. Breath should not be held, but we'll all be paying eventually.

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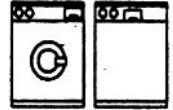
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ELSENHAM WOMEN'S INSTITUTE

By Moyra Jackson ☎ 647351



It's good to be back! It is good to be back to regular meetings in the Hall and all our activities starting up again. It is also very good to be back in print in *Elsenham News* and I would like to extend a very warm welcome (and a huge THANK YOU) to the new editorial team, as well as my sincere thanks to the outgoing team.

Our WI started the year with a raucous evening of vintage games, our traditional start to each year. Our winner was Lynda Bowcock – well done.

February was our annual “Show the Love” evening with the incredible Amanda Sutherland talking about “Reuse, Recreate and Restyle your Wardrobe” which now has us all rethinking how we can reduce the harm we cause to our beautiful planet by our love of buying clothes.

We have an excellent programme to offer this year – worth it alone for the dazzling bright pink of the cover!

This month we have an “Easter Table Arrangement” workshop from Floral Desire Florist. We follow this in April with “Whatever Happened after Henry VIII” from Nicholas Henderson. Our Annual Meeting is in May followed in June with “Simplistic Jewellery Making” with Sharon Gould. We have an Open Meeting in July (yes, men too) for “A-Z of Roses” with Simon White of Peter Beales Roses. We have our Summer Party in August followed by Members Day in September. In October we have the wonderful Lindsey Barrell with “An Introduction to British Sign Language”. Then in November it is C & M Distillery with “Big 7 Christmas Tasting”. Our Christmas party is in December – and that is our 2022 Programme.

Our Ladies Who Lunch and Dames Who Dine are starting up again as is our Cinema Club. Our Bookworms has never stopped and our Craft Group and Natter Nights are bigger and better than ever. Something, we hope, for everyone to enjoy! There has never been a better time to come and join us. Our subscription for the year is £44 for a full member and if you are already a member at another WI a dual membership is £21.60, payable in March.

While we are very proud of our Jam and Jerusalem traditions, Elsenham WI is so much more than that and we are always happy to dispel any stereotypes associated with the WI. Why not come along (or come back) – visitors and new members are always welcome.

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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ELSENHAM COMMUNITY CHOIR

By Elaine Terry ☎ 07962 586825

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Do you worry about getting stale? Well, singing not only exercises the brain, it also helps improve posture, muscle tension and breathing.

Singing, whether alone or in a group, has been shown to improve our sense of well-being and happiness and learning new songs is cognitively stimulating and can help the memory, so it's a win, win!

So why not give the Elsenham Community Choir a go? You will make new friends, feel uplifted with a sense of achievement, and have some fun too. Oh, and we also always have chocolates!

So hey, why not try something new? Come and join us the first and third Tuesday of every month at 7.pm until 8.30pm in Elsenham Village Hall (attached to the school).

There are no auditions at our choir, all you have to do is just turn up and sing. There is always a warm welcome on your arrival, whether with friends or on your own, everyone has a place in our Choir.

Please feel free to contact us on our Elsenham Community Choir Facebook page or Elaine Terry as above. We look forward to welcoming you.

STANSTED HALL & ELSENHAM CRICKET CLUB

The club is looking forward to a new season following a very successful 2021. At the recent Annual General Meeting Jacob Talbot was once again elected as Club Captain with Rory McGurk as his vice. The 2nd XI will be led by Andrew Mackinlay with Paul Findlay as his vice. The teams will once again play in the Herts & Essex Border League Premier Division and Division 2.

The juniors have been netting indoors at HECC and some of our young players will be trialling with West Essex. Improvements to the ground and facilities at Molehill Green will hopefully be ready for the start of the new season providing that the club can secure sufficient funding for these projects.

The club is always looking for new members of any age or ability. Our cricket is very local, and we are very much a community club hopefully providing enjoyment of cricket for not only players but for spectators, parents, grandparents, indeed all that enjoy our sport.



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Our small animals (such as bunnies and Guinea pigs) are now safely tucked away in the Woodland area and are absolutely loving being amongst the trees near their friends, the snuggly pigs. Also in the woods are the owls, who if you stand very still and are very quiet, might just come out and see you – they are such amazing and fascinating creatures. Our sheep and goat friends have the run-around of the space up at the top of the farm near the horses and just love being out in the open with all their friends there.

Of course, our ram Noah is down the bottom of the farm with dear Mole, our lovely sheep who has been blind (but very content), since birth. They have some more of our cheeky goats with them to keep them on their toes!

We have all sorts of chickens, ducks, guineafowls, turkeys and geese and don't forget, we often have chicken and sometimes duck eggs for you to buy.

Come on down to our farm and blow those cobwebs away! There is so much to do and see on Daisy May's farm and you really must not miss all the new additions who will be born over the coming months.

Check our Facebook page for updates on our new arrivals and most importantly, all our opening hours, and our **Hatch a Chick** scheme, along with other farm news updates.

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THOUGHT FOR THE MONTH - HOPE

Hope is a very human need, living without hope must be intolerable and could and does easily lead some to end it all. We all need hope. Every New Year's Eve we look forward to the year ahead with hope that it will be better than the previous 12 months. But by implication of that hope, we are often disappointed with the year gone before that did not live up to our expectation.

Our hope is usually based on a vague notion that somehow events will turn out better, or family relations will improve, or world leaders will come together to solve the climate crisis, or the endless wars we see on the TV will stop. So much of our hope relies on our fellow human beings changing their ways. Jesus himself said in Matthew 22 v39 *'Love your neighbour as yourself'*. But our human experience shows that we rarely pay any attention to Jesus' words here. Instead, we have an inbuilt tendency to look after number one, or at least our family – usually to the detriment of others. So relying on others to provide the basis for our hope is not well founded. Should we look elsewhere for our hope of a better future?

Christian hope is of a different order. Human hope would like things to be better, but 'expects' that it will often not be so. Hope is often described in the bible as something that is guaranteed in the future because God, who has promised it, will deliver. How many politicians who promise hope to the electorate actually deliver? At the end of chapter 13 in 1 Corinthians Paul says that after everything is done *these 3 remain: faith, hope and love* because God is faithful and will not let us down. The Holy Spirit who resides in every Christian confirms the hope we have that God accepts us, because Jesus has already paid our penalty and taken God's wrath from us. This hope of heaven is secure as Paul again says *hope does not disappoint us* (Romans ch5 v5).

Many will argue that it is arrogant to assume that we are acceptable to God through faith in Him but understanding what Jesus did for us is the key to unlocking this mystery. Not only are we promised the hope of heaven in the bible, but it is clear from Titus ch2 v13 - *while we wait for the blessed hope – the glorious appearing of our great God and Saviour, Jesus Christ* that this hope is actually a person. And what could be better to be promised than God himself?!

God is often portrayed as aloof and not very caring. Many people think that we need to ingratiate ourselves with him with good deeds. But the God of the bible is our Father who loves and cares for us very deeply. Once we have yielded to him by accepting Jesus as our Saviour, he places his hope in us so that we can be sure we are his beloved children.

Richard Peake - Churchwarden

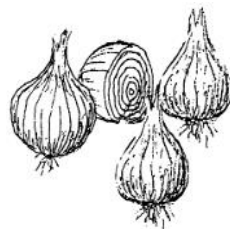


ELSENHAM FLOWER SHOW SOCIETY SHOW SCHEDULE 2022

(* Trophy Classes)

FLOWER 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 - 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, one variety, 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; max. 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 for 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 Cheese Scones *
- 69. 'Show Stopper - Platinum Jubilee Celebration'
Let your imagination run wild!
- 70. 5 Pieces of Shortbread
- 71. Carrot 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 Pair of Flip-Flops made of Recycled Material',
max. size to be 15cm (6") long.

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 Scene'
- 88. 'Bloom(s)'
- 89. 'Weather'
- 90. 'Pond Life'
- 91. **CHILDREN ONLY** 'Farm Animals'

ELSENHAM FLOWER SHOW 2022

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 9.00 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 3.00 p.m. Admission - £1-00
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. 4.00 p.m.). 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 £4-00.
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, 14th August 2022**. **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.

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CHURCH EVENTS IN OUR VILLAGES MARCH 2022

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Sun 13	BCP Holy Communion
Sun 20	BCP Morning Prayer
Sun 27	BCP Morning Prayer

St Peter's, Ugley 10.00am

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Sun 13	Morning Service
Sun 20	Morning Service
Sun 27	Morning Service

Elsenham Village Hall 10.15am

Sun 6	Morning Service
Sun 13	Holy Communion
Sun 20	Morning Service
Sun 27	Morning Service

St Mary's, Henham 11.15am

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Sun 27	Morning Service

St Mary's, Henham 6.00pm

Sun 6	Sunday@Six
Sun 13	Sunday@Six
Sun 20	Sunday@Six
Sun 27	Sunday@Six

Other Events this Month:

Ash Wednesday BCP Holy Communion Service:

2nd March, 19:30, St Peter's Ugley
World Day of Prayer:
Friday, 4 March, 2pm
Elsenham Memorial Hall

An informal service for everyone, prepared by Christians of England, Wales & Northern Ireland with the theme: *'I know the plans I have for you'*, followed by refreshments. Be part of a worldwide chain of prayer. Everyone welcome, including children.

March 2022

Other regular events

SUNDAYS

St Peter's Junior Church

St. Peter's Church

10.00am Sundays: 6th, 13th, 20th & 27th

Elsenham Sunday Club/Explorers

(Y1-Y5) Old Frank's, Elsenham

10.15am Sundays: 6th, 13th, 20th & 27th

Henham Sunday Club/Explorers

(Reception-Y5) Church Hall, Henham

11.00am Sundays: 6th, 13th, 20th & 27th

Pathfinders (Y6-Y9)

St Mary's, Henham 6.00pm - leave from service to meet in OSCA Sundays: 6th, 13th, 20th & 27th

Crammin' (Y10-Y13)

St Mary's, Henham 6.00pm followed by 6.45pm at the Church Hall, Henham Sundays: 6th, 13th, 20th & 27th

MID-WEEK AND SATURDAY

Start the Week with Prayer

Church Hall, Henham 9.30am

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

Seekers After School Bible Club

(Y3-Y4) Old Frank's, 3.20pm

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

Christian Play (Y1-Y2)

Rowan House, Elsenham 3.15pm

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

Little Fishes Pre-School Group

Church Hall, Henham 10.15am

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

Little Fishes Pre-School Group

Elsenham Memorial Hall 10.00am

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

Church Lunch Club


Elsenham Memorial Hall 12.30pm

Fridays (2nd & 4th of month): 11th & 25th

Afternoon Tea

OSCA, Henham 2.00pm

Saturday (3rd of month): 19th

A vibrant illustration of a safari-themed birthday party. At the top, colorful triangular bunting hangs across the scene. On the left, a giraffe holds several balloons (orange, blue, purple) and a small ladybug is on its back. In the center, a yellow giraffe wearing a striped party hat and a small blue and red parrot are looking towards the text. On the right, a grey elephant wearing a yellow hard hat is looking towards the center. The background is a bright yellow sunburst over a green landscape.

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PIRANESI
By SUSANNA CLARKE

Reviewed by Marion Giles for Elsenham Book Group

‘Piranesi lives in the House. Perhaps he always has. In his notebooks, day after day, he makes a clear and careful record of its wonders; the labyrinth of halls, the thousands upon thousands of statues. The tides that thunder up staircases, the clouds that move in slow procession through the upper halls. On Tuesdays and Fridays, Piranesi sees his friend, the Other. At other times he brings tributes of food to the dead. But mostly he is alone.



Messages begin to appear, scratched out in chalk on the pavements. There is someone new in the House. But who are they and what do they want? Are they a friend or do they bring destruction and madness as the Other claims? Lost texts must be found. Secrets must be uncovered. The world that Piranesi thought he knew is becoming strange and dangerous. The beauty of the House is immeasurable, its kindness infinite.....’ So says the blurb on the back of the book.

‘Brilliantly peculiar. It subverts expectations throughout. Utterly otherworldly’ – The Guardian

Piranesi was the choice of the book group this month and is a beautiful yet strange story. This book is currently being serialised on Radio 4 and BBC Sounds.

The first part of the book is very descriptive and introduces us to ‘The House’ with its three storeys, full of halls and vestibules and statues. It is initially difficult to relate to without any familiar reference points for the reader. However, if we accept and enjoy the descriptions through the eyes and thoughts of Piranesi, the narrator, then it doesn’t matter. He is clearly describing a very unusual place and we speculate as to whether it is real or imagined. However, it is revealed that he is existing in a labyrinth. We soon realise that we are reading a journal. Piranesi tells us of an innocent idealised world as he sees himself as ‘the Beloved Child of The House’, nurtured by the fish and seaweed. The birds seem to be the other principal living occupants and are his friends and protectors. He respects ‘The House’, its living, its dead, its tides and ways and in return, The House nurtures him.

To Piranesi this is the only world. There is one regular visitor, ‘The Other.’ We come to discover through a series of events that ‘The Other’ is called Ketterley and it is he who has trapped Piranesi in the labyrinth and not by accident. Through Piranesi’s journals, Ketterley’s actions and one or two other visitors to the labyrinth we learn why and how. We discover who Piranesi was before he was trapped in ‘The House.’

Once the truth is discovered and he is made aware of his situation, he needs to explore options once re-introduced to life outside the labyrinth. This part of the story towards the end is a little anti-climatic but it offers a conclusion.

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OPEN GARDENS 2022 – YOUR HOSPICE NEEDS YOU!

With spring just around the corner, St Clare Hospice is beginning to look ahead to its perennially popular Open Gardens Weekend. This year the Hospice is hoping to grow its success by inviting new venues to open their garden gates to the public.

Open Gardens will take place on weekends throughout June and July, giving green-fingered fans a chance to explore some of the best-kept green spaces in our catchment area, all in aid of the Hospice.

If you have a blooming beautiful garden and would like to share its beauty and raise vital funds for St Clare Hospice, then please contact Ellie Gale to get involved in Open Gardens 2022.

Call or email: Ellie Gale, Community Fundraiser at St Clare Hospice, on **01279 773734** or ellie.gale@stclarehospice.org.uk

ELSENHAM PARISH COUNCIL NOTICE



The days are getting longer.

The clocks will soon spring forward for spring.

The great outdoors is calling

How can you combine the benefits of shaking off those indoor winter blues with something to help you and your family?

Sign up for a village allotment

There are several plots available at the Smith Road allotments, off Franklin Drive, at the western edge of the village.

Rentals to 30 September range from £15 to £20, depending on the size of the plot.

You can contact the Parish Clerk on louise.epc@gmail.com or call 07456 791727.

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VOLUNTEERING OPPORTUNITIES AT UTTLESFORD CITIZENS ADVICE

It's easy to feel disconnected from your community as you juggle work, family and jobs around the house. One of the most satisfying, fun, and productive ways to get to know your neighbours is through volunteering for community service projects. Just a small amount of your time can make a big difference to an organisation or person that needs your help.

Uttlesford Citizens Advice have a team of more than 60 volunteers who support the charity in many ways, from giving information and advice to clients to helping with fundraising, administration, and social media campaigns.

We are always happy to hear from anyone who would like to join us. Our volunteer roles are varied, challenging and rewarding; hours are flexible so fit well with family or other existing commitments.

We currently have vacancies for volunteers to join us in the following roles:

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For more details of these and other opportunities, go to www.uttlesfordca.org.uk, call 01799 618840 or email jo.hancock@uttlesfordca.org.uk.

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Before Christmas, I was visiting refuse depots, in Saffron Walden and Dunmow. At I feel is an unreasonable hour of 6:45am Whilst at the Dunmow depot I was stating how I wasn't a very big fan of early mornings, though I was a huge fan of our refuse collectors and litter pickers who have maintained a magnificent standard of dealing with our refuse in our district. Whilst I was speaking, there was some mumbling at the back, which sounded like "politicians coming here, bacon sarnies, wouldn't be able to come out with us to a shift!" "Err, did I just hear a gauntlet being thrown at the back?" "I asked and actually I think it is important for Leaders to understand the workings of the Council. Popping out for 20 mins and having your photograph taken isn't really finding out, is it? so I arranged to go out with the refuse collectors and work a shift.

I received an hour's training, which mainly involved - what NOT to do, i.e., get crushed. Had to be kitted out correctly, luckily for me the storage depot didn't have any size 6 shoes, so I was able to wear my trusty DM'S, and considering the amount of work I did gosh I am so pleased that I got to wear those as they were a very old pair broken in well (colour coordinated as well)

After five hours I have to say I was absolutely shattered. I am disappointed I never managed to put two bins on the loader at once, neither did I manage to empty a food bin with one hand and by the end of the day I was finding it harder and harder to run. Tim, Alex, and Luke were friendly, funny, hardworking, conscientious, and kind, and really enjoy people being friendly and they love dogs.

Please leave your bins in an accessible place! Buy the strongest bags you can and TIE them up, (I threw one in the back of the truck, and it just split, and I had to pick up off the floor) Be patient behind the dust cart (two near misses)! Do say hello and smile at the collectors.

Thank you to those who came out and supported, though I must confess I would have brushed my hair if I'd known!

Do tip at Christmas Petrina

LOCAL AWARD WINNERS

Vision Fitness won the following TWO awards at The National Fitness Awards **2021: Boutique Gym Of The Year** and **Regional Gym Of The Year-South**.

This meant that out of the whole UK (and even competing against big towns such as Bristol, Birmingham, Central London and even Scotland) Vision Fitness based in Henham won two awards! They were short listed in these two categories and on the 26th November they all travelled down to the Athenian Leicester to the awards ceremony.

They found out on the evening that they had won both awards which gym manger Ollie Emsden said "is extremely humbling and we couldn't have done any of it without the support of our team, our members and the local community".

SCOUTING NEWS

By Matt Morland (Akela) ☎ 07747 272706

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The first half-term of 2022 has flown past in a flurry of Scouting activities for our Beavers, Cubs, Scouts and volunteers. Membership continues to grow with our second Cub Pack opening at the start of the year on a Tuesday evening to accommodate the demand for Scouting places in our community. Our Group now consists of two Beaver Colonies, two Cub Packs and one Scout Troop, which makes us one of the largest Scout Groups in the Hatfield Forest District.

Our Beavers have been learning about Burns Night and Scottish traditions, Chinese New Year, teeth and hygiene, and discussing global and environmental issues such as clean water and fair trade. Our Cubs have been practising their map and compass skills and also learning pioneering skills with knots and lashings to make catapults and ballistas. Cubs have also held a pizza-making night, a craft night for Valentine's Day and played lots of team games to improve teamwork and leadership skills. Scouts have been working on advanced map reading and navigation skills including planning and recording routes using grid referencing and bearings, planned and cooked a Chinese New Year meal for their troop, spent an evening junk modelling bedrooms, living rooms and kitchens and then using them as smash rooms, and completed a night hike in the rain.

In amongst all the planning and administration of our Group, leaders have had the opportunity to take part in the Essex Scouts Winter Weekend event run by Essex Scouts Mountain Activities Team (ESMAT), gaining experience of hill-walking, mountaineering and navigation. The weekend started with a day's hiking in the Yorkshire Dales followed by two days hiking in the Lake District. The weather varied from glorious sunshine to storm-force winds and torrential rain to snow and sleet, but all great experience. The undoubted highlight of the weekend was our Cub leader Chil conquering the Gordale Scar waterfall. Proof that Scouting teaches skills, resilience and perseverance to all our members. Well done Chil!

For those of you who may be interested in learning about the opportunities Scouting offers to volunteers, please do get in touch or come along to a meeting to see how much young people in our community benefit and appreciate the work we do!

The advertisement features a circular logo in the top left corner with the text "CLUB OF MASTER SWEEPS" around a central emblem. Below the logo, the text reads "saffron walden's No.1 female village chimney sweep". A large, dark, feathery chimney sweep brush is positioned diagonally across the right side of the ad. At the bottom, the website "villagechimneysweep.co.uk" is displayed in white text on a black background. Contact information is provided: "Office 01799 540232" and "Mobile 07930 341750".

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ELSENHAM VILLAGE HISTORY SOCIETY

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

🌐 www.elsenhams-history.co.uk



And here we are again, the first EVHS article for 2022 and the first submitted to the new Editorial team to whom we wish every success.

Our last outing of 2021 was to the St Mary's Christmas Tree Festival that we were pleased to see back after the Covid hiatus. Thanks go to Heather Salvidge, Joan Weyers and Brenda Davidson who decorated our tree. The theme was the Railways of Elsenham and featured photographs spanning over a hundred years depicting the station and its staff, Robin Hood Road level crossing and passing trains. All the photographs, and more, were recent additions to the photo archive on our website. If you haven't already, do pay a visit to the site at the above address, it will be well worth your time. There is a wealth of information in there including a time line of the village that starts 2000 years ago and continues right up to the present day. As well as the railway archive, there are several other picture galleries including Elsenham then and now, local events, local businesses and society visits to name but a few. Give it a go, you won't be disappointed.

Regular readers will know that a familiar refrain from this correspondent is, can you help please? We have had an enquiry from Sally Morgan (nee Vincent) who writes:

"I used to live in Old Mead Lane with my parents Lauri and Rachel Vincent and my brother Michael. The name of our property was Byculla and at one time it was a small poultry farm and market garden the land having been bought in the 1930s. When my father had to give up due to ill health some of the original land was sold off to Mr Braeckman, in the late 1950s I think, with a plot on Old Mead Lane being sold for building later on. A large house was built there. I am doing some research on my family so I am working on the history of Byculla and I wanted to know more about the history of the land that my father bought and what happened to it all after he left. I do not know if the new people kept the Byculla name."

Can anyone help Sally please? If so please get in touch at the above e-mail address and I will pass on any information.

Our next meeting will be on Wednesday 9th March when all being well we will welcome Anthea Hawden from Raking Light who will lay bare the mysteries of church graffiti with particular emphasis on our own St Mary's. This talk has been much postponed over the last couple of years and is much anticipated given Anthea's enthusiasm for her subject.

So, after the uncertainties of last year we look forward to better things and to welcoming members old and new to our meetings. Membership costs just five pounds a year for four meetings featuring interesting speakers on a wide range of subjects. Visitors are also very welcome for just two pounds per evening. We hope to see you soon.



Under the Wildlife and Countryside Act 1981, Natural England can designate any area of land considered to be of special interest by virtue of its fauna, flora or geological features as a “Site of Special Scientific Interest” or SSSI. This designation ensures that the area is appropriately managed and protected.

The Hundred Parishes has more than twenty SSSIs. I will mention a few that can be visited.

In the parish of High Easter, Garnett’s Wood comprises 25 hectares (62 acres) of ancient coppiced woodland (meaning the trees have been regularly cut down to ground level). Mentioned in the Domesday Book, this wood, in which the lime is the dominant tree, was given in the twelfth century by Henry II to a knight called Geoffrey Garnett. A stump of a tree has been carved to depict the knight, still watching over his wood.



Patmore Heath in Albury parish is an 8-hectare grass heathland, now a scarce habitat in South East England. It is managed by Herts & Middlesex Wildlife Trust. A variety of native grasses grow here and the heath’s ponds are home to all three native English newt species: great-crested, smooth and palmate.

Amwell Quarry, formerly an area of gravel pits, has been transformed into a 37-hectare wetland environment, important in particular for wintering wildfowl and regarded as England’s premier site for dragonflies.

Best-known and by far the largest of our SSSIs is Hatfield Forest which covers more than 400 hectares, around 1.5 square miles. It was a royal hunting forest from around 1100 AD until the 15th century. It has never been ploughed and has been managed for centuries by coppicing and by pollarding (cutting trees to a height above which livestock and deer cannot reach the new shoots). It has been owned by The National Trust since 1924.



Ken McDonald, Secretary

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.

ELSENHAM FLOWER SHOW SOCIETY

Plant Sale – Saturday, 21 May 2022

As usual, we have begun growing, in order to produce a large range of vegetable and flowering plants ready for the sale in May. Last year's sale was another triumph for our wonderful organising team and the growing skills of all!

Any spare plants are always welcome. Proceeds from the sale will go towards putting on the Flower Show later in the year. Please let us know if you have small pots you don't need, we can always use them.

Village Open Gardens – Sunday, 26 June – 1 to 5 p.m.

We are positive that this year we will be able to hold our Village Open Gardens. If you would like to have your garden open, please do get in touch. We are on the look-out for new gardens as well as some of our old favourites. This afternoon is a great chance to have a wander round the village, visiting a few gardens on the way, maybe catch up with a few like-minded friends. Refreshments will be available.

Elsenham Flower Show – Saturday, 20 August

We hope that this year we will also be able to hold our Annual Village Flower Show – third time lucky, as they say! The Show schedule can be found in the middle pages of this month's magazine, giving you plenty of time to think about what you could be growing, making or baking! All being well, the schedule will be repeated in the August edition of Elsenham News when entry forms will also be supplied.

If you are new to the village, you will see there are a good number of different flower, vegetable and fruit, as well as baking, produce, flower arranging, handicraft and photography classes. We do try to ensure that the schedule offers opportunities for everyone, including our five different children's classes.

Not too challenging and great fun guaranteed!

AID FOR ROMANIA

By Richard Peake ☎ 850374

We are hoping to load the lorry for Romania in early April but we are very short of children's (3yr – teens) clothes. If you have any I would be most grateful for some by mid March. We are going into their summer so lightweight clothes are best although we can hold any winter clothes back for our autumn lorry. We can't take any clothes for under 3's – sorry. Please bring round to 1 Hall Close, Henham or contact

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For those who are no longer in full-time work, the prospect of having time to make new friends, develop new interests, share experience and knowledge, is an exciting one. Stansted u3a already offers a wide range of groups enjoying the benefits and friendship of sharing activities and interests and we aim to increase the scope of these still further in this 40th year of the u3a movement.

We also have the benefit of monthly talks and at the January meeting Brian Carline gave a warm and interesting, illustrated talk on Life in the 40s and 50s. The speaker in February, Tanya-Fern Smith took us through the long history of Stansted Hall, from Tudor times, through being rebuilt as a Jacobean Hall and following a fire, being re-built in the nineteenth century. At our next meeting, on Thursday, 17 March, we will have the pleasure of a talk from Toni Neopard and Kate Broad who will take a light-hearted look at marriage and relationships in Victorian times, "For Better or Far Worse"

Joe Brooks 'showcased' the Art House Group in February and at the March meeting Patricia Powell will be showcasing the Card-Making Group. Hopefully April will put a spring in your step, and you will be there to welcome Peter Regelous who will chronicle his life in Showbiz and showcase his book "A Funny Thing Happened on the Way to Life".

Do come and join us for a cup of tea and biscuits and settle down for an informative and interesting afternoon. We meet in St John's Hall every third Thursday from 1.30pm. (We even have a raffle!)

Eileen Quinn

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Brian Carline – Life in the 40's and 50's



Welcome to Elsenham Village Fete 2022

Saturday, 18 June 1-4pm.

Put this in your diary NOW !!!

We are SO looking forward to our big day and have lots of exciting things planned to entertain you throughout the afternoon.

There will be lots of attractions for everyone of all ages to enjoy, lots of different refreshments to eat and drink, lots of friends to meet there, lots of quirky vehicles to see – it's going to be AMAZING!!!

We obviously want this fete to be one to remember, so if you would like to get involved in any way, please let us know. There is a fete booking form below for you, but if you would like to help on the day, donate something to our raffle or just be a general Fete helper, then please get in touch – we would really like to hear from you.

This fete can only be what we would like it to be, with **your** help.

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NATURAL OUTLOOK

By Heather Salvidge ☞ 814153



Chances are this month we'll get a couple of named storms along with some strong icy winds. But the days are getting longer with more daylight and the hour changes at 2:00 A.M. on Sunday 27th. Clear nights bring sharp frosts but the sun is now strong enough to melt it early and on good days temperatures up to the top teens.

Walking early along Station Road you might hear birdsong possibly from our two distinct song thrushes, blackbirds, robins, great tits or dunnocks. These will be males, establishing their territories and/or attracting a mate – but very pleasant for us to hear.

At home I keep a list of the species of birds I see in our garden so that I can know who's here, who's not and who's new. For instance, until 2019 I recorded bullfinches but none since then. Now coal tits are getting scarce but blackcaps are turning up occasionally. Some of the regulars the year round are blackbirds, chaffinches, house sparrows, goldfinches, greenfinches and wood pigeons together with stock doves which first arrived half way through 2019 and now tend to disappear for a month or two in the summer.

I am pleased to have them to watch as they are delightful birds. With mainly blue/grey plumage, they are smaller and 'neater' than a wood pigeon with no white about them at all but black edges to their wings and tail. Their chests are a soft pink and when adult a shiny green patch on their necks and pink legs and they make a soft cooing notes. They look very similar to rock doves but this species is not yet resident in the U.K. Blackcaps are about the same size as greenfinches with males giving them their name as he has a deep grey back and lighter, dusky underparts, a paler patch on his chin and a similar one under the base of his tail and a small, black cap. Females (and juveniles) have a red/brown cap, the same pale patches, a lighter grey back and pale fawn underparts.

A number of our early flowering spring plants are yellow in order to attract pollinators and primroses are one of the earliest. They grow in clumps of 5-petalled flowers on a single stem above spreading green leaves. There are just a few in our side of Alsa Wood.

They are followed by oxlips, a rarity growing locally in Cambridgeshire, Essex and Suffolk. On 'our side' of Alsa Wood is a locally well known site in the Aubrey Buxton reserve where there are a few plants. They have small mid-yellow flowers borne in clusters at the top of a stem about 6/7 inches tall. Some of their patches have to be fenced in against predators, e.g. muntjacs, so take care of them.

Towards the end of the month come cowslips, similar to oxlips to look at but a **deep** yellow cluster of flowers and are much taller than oxlips. There are good patches on BR5 (near the golf course) and on the verge at Ugley Green, outside Foxtons Farm. Their leaves are like the primroses'.

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Henham Runners—Omega Club

Time to spring clean the fish, dust off the running shoes, start exploring the lovely paths, tracks and roads around Henham. You will soon notice that the regular white fish in the village have been joined by their buddies the yellow fish

The clocks change on Sunday, 27 March, giving us a little more daylight in the evenings. The first Omega evening run is planned for Monday 28 March starting at 6.30pm from the Cock. As the daylight lengthens, we will change the start time to 7pm.

The routes are all circular, starting and finishing at the Cock, the first few weeks will be runs of about 5K, there is always a short cut for those just getting into running. The routes are usually off-road for the majority of the run with some short road sections. The distance increases steadily through the season.

We recommend high vis vests so that you can be seen on any road sections.

All welcome, new runners will always be found a running buddy. Children must run with a responsible adult. Dogs are welcome, they must be always kept under control and there are some paths where it is necessary to keep them on a lead. Please always 'pick up' after your dog.

There is a 'WhatsApp' group, if you would like your name adding please send a message to one of the numbers at the end of this article.

The runs are always free, you are responsible for your own welfare and safety on the run. We recommend that you carry a phone and some form of identity when running either with the club or on your own.

All runs are marked by yellow fish, the map will also be sent out on 'WhatsApp' before each run. The route changes every two weeks.

We look forward to seeing lots of runners out on Monday, 28 March.

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COOKERY CORNER



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ONE POT CHICKEN AND BACON STEW (serves 8)

3 tablespoons olive
16 chicken pieces on the bone (about 6lb 8oz (3kg) in total)
5oz (140g) smoked bacon, chopped
4 medium carrots, thickly sliced
2 onions, roughly chopped
2 tablespoons plain flour
1 tablespoon tomato puree
2½ fl oz (75ml) white wine or cider vinegar
1¾ pints (1 litre) chicken stock
2 bay leaves
4 tablespoons double cream or crème fraîche
1lb 5oz (600g) small new potatoes, halved (or quartered)
12 large white mushrooms, quartered
Chopped herbs, such as parsley, tarragon or chives

Heat the oven to 200°C/180°C fan/gas 6.

Heat the oil in a large flameproof casserole with a lid. Fry the chicken pieces in batches for 5 minutes on each side until browned, then transfer to a plate. Sizzle the bacon in the casserole for a few minutes until beginning to crisp. Stir in the carrots and onions, then cook for 5 minutes until starting to soften. Stir in the flour and tomato puree and cook for 1 minute more. Finally, splash in the wine or vinegar and stir well.

Pour in the stock and bring to a simmer. Add the bay leaves, cream and seasoning. Slide in the chicken pieces and scatter over the potatoes, turning everything over a few times so that the potatoes are immersed in the sauce. Put the lid on and place in the oven. After 40 minutes, remove from the oven and stir in the mushrooms. Cover again and cook in the oven for 10 minutes more until the chicken is cooked through and tender but not completely falling off the bone. Turn off heat. Remove casserole from oven, sprinkle over herbs and serve.

CHEF'S RECOMMENDATIONS: Freeze any left-over stew. Defrost overnight in the fridge. Reheat for 30-40 minutes at 160°C/140°C fan/gas 3 until piping hot (or in the microwave, if preferred).

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The difference is clear



Firstly, I thank the new editorial team who have taken over the task of producing *Elsenham News*. Last year, I explained how some future “**Rays Reflections**” would incorporate articles by people, clubs, and organisations. Also, from time to time, “**On the Street where you live.**”

Quiz nights and quiz booklets by Trevor Hackett

The quiz nights in the Bowls Club started in 1999. We average around three quizzes per year for the Bowls Club and two per year for the Tennis Club. Each Bowls Club quiz raises between £500-£600 each. Over 20 years this equates to approximately £30,000 to £36,000.

I have also raised funds via the mail order quiz booklets. Currently on number 81 in quiz booklets, representing over 20 years. Tim Pryke started the quarterly booklet to raise funds for the Bowls Club. I took over in 1998 and still hold the questions for 14 years of these quizzes along with nine years for the Tennis Club.

Each time I do a quiz for the Tennis Club they make a donation to the charity, Tiger-Tops Swiss Air Preschool based in the Chitwan area of Nepal. A charity which provides a free head start development programme for disadvantaged young children in Nepal. A charity I have myself supported since 2007.

In 2008 I held my first charity quiz at the Bowls Club for the Tiger Tots and have done one each year, excluding 2020 due to Covid limitations. Hopefully, these will resume soon. Every December I produce an annual quiz booklet for the Tiger Tots with all proceeds going to the Preschool.

There are no hall hire fees and no fees to myself as Quiz Master. I cover all expenses for the quiz nights and booklets which means all money raised goes to Tiger Tots. To date, my fund-raising total is 2,222,799.50 Nepalese Rupees which equates to nearly £17,000.

I have done quizzes for Stortford Camera Club, Turpin's Indoor Bowls Club & South Street Surgery. I look forward to Covid restrictions easing so that once again we can get our grey cells working on Saturday nights.

Elsenham Tennis Club



Quiz Night



Saturday, 30 April 2022
7.30 for 8.00pm start
at the Bowls Club

Ploughman's Supper
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Bookings in advance to:
Petra Studholme 07884 024 106
or even better: mail@elsenhامتennisclub.co.uk

£8 per head / brain and 8 per table please



Tribute to Barry Halliwell

Barry joined Elsenham Tennis Club in 2012 and joined the committee in 2015. He quickly became our go-to man for help with events, maintenance, quiz nights, liaison with the Parish Council, the village and the bowls club - indeed with everything! He could always be relied upon to lift our spirits. Barry, we will miss your kind words and your jokes, we will miss the demon shots you caught us with, we will miss your twinkle and your smile.

Our new season is starting April 2022

We are just in the process of putting our new membership packages together, so watch the space (Facebook page or next Elsenham News). But our fees are amongst the lowest in the area in addition to all the benefits below.

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

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Try before you join – why not hire our courts to play with friends and family - £2 per adult, £1 for students and 50p for under 18s. You can email us or message on Facebook for availabilities, but please if possible give us 24hrs notice as we need to arrange to open the courts for you.

Cardio tennis sessions on a Tuesday at 6.30pm and on a Thursday at 7.30pm

It's basically sign up every week if you want to participate. Register your interest now (even if you are not a member) for a taster session by contacting Steve (head coach) directly via email to stevesmith865@hotmail.com or call/ text 07790 561 817. Steve also does a weekly group session on a Thursday at 6.30pm which is very popular as well as individual lessons which can be arranged privately.

Essex Small Clubs League

Both the Mixed and Men's teams are playing the winter league enjoying close games and fun. This is the first season ever for our new Mixed team.

Weekly schedule now up and running:

Tuesday evening – 6.30pm cardio tennis
Tuesday evening – 7.30pm club night
Wednesday morning – 10am ladies' morning
Thursday evening – 6.30pm group coaching
Thursday evening – 7.30pm cardio tennis
Friday morning – 10am ladies' morning
Sunday afternoon – 2pm leisure play





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ELSENHAM BOWLS CLUB

By Sue Waite



Hello everyone, I hope you are well.

It's nearly time for the Bowls Green to re open next month for another lovely summer of bowls.

The green is looking good and we have a beautiful new patio area where we can sit and enjoy the bowls and the sunshine – fingers crossed. Until then, the bowls club is open every week night from 7-11pm.

Monday night is pool night but we also get together for a game of crib or whist.

Tuesday is crib night

Wednesday is darts

Thursday is short mat bowls

Friday is open club night.

All members are welcome on these nights and you don't have to participate in the games – you can just have a drink. On the 2nd and 4th Tuesday of the month, Elsenham Village Cafe run a coffee morning from 9.30 – 11.30– all welcome.

Also, remember to Save the Date because Motown is coming to Elsenham – Saturday, 9th April – a great live act singing Motown songs.

See you there, take care, Sue

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