

# Elsenham News



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March 2026

## Elsenham Village Regular Monthly or Quarterly Activities

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

## March 2026 diary

Mon 2	Parish Council Meeting	Memorial Hall 7.45pm
Tues 3	Henham & District Garden Soc. Outing	
Tues 3 & 17	Elsenham Community Choir	Village Hall 7pm
Sat 7 & 21	Bingo	Bowls & Social Club 7 for 7.30pm
Tues 10	Natter Night	The Crown 7.30pm
Tues 10 & 24	Life Drawing	Village Hall 7.30pm
Weds 11	History Society Meeting & AGM	Memorial Hall 7.45 for 8pm
Thurs 12 & 26	Community Supermarket	Memorial Hall 1.30-3.30pm
Thurs 12	District Councillors' Surgery	OSCA Crow Street, Henham 6.30pm
Thurs 12	Elsenham Comm. Assoc. AGM	Memorial Hall 7.45pm
Fri 13 & 27	Church Lunch Club	Memorial Hall 12.30pm
Sat 14	Bowls and Social Club Quiz	Bowls & Social Club 7.30 for 8pm
Tues 17	St Mary's Fabric Fund AGM	Old Frank's 7pm
Thurs 19	WI	Memorial Hall 7.45pm
Sat 21	Bingo	Bowls & Social Club 7 for 7.30pm
Mon 23	Elsenham Eagles	Bowls & Social Club 7.30pm
Fri 27	Women's Wellness Breakfast	Bowls & Social Club 9.30-11am
Sat 28	Farmers' Market	Village Hall 12.30-2.30pm
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## Elsenham Village Regular Weekly Activities

Day	Time	Activity	Location
Monday	9.30-10.30am	Zumba	Memorial Hall
	10.30-11.30am	Health walk	Start at De Mandeville Green
	4-4.30pm	Rascals (3-4yrs)	Memorial Hall (term time)
	4.30-5.30pm	Rascals (5-7yrs)	Memorial Hall (term time)
	5.30-7pm	Rascals (8-12yrs)	Memorial Hall (term time)
Tuesday	9.30-11.30am	Village Café Coffee	Memorial Hall
	12.15-1pm	Touchpoint Food Share	Memorial Hall
	4.45-5.45pm	Rainbows	Memorial Hall (term-time)
	4.45-5.45pm	Beavers	Ugley Village Hall (term-time)
	6-7.15pm	Cubs (Wolf Pack)	Ugley Village Hall (term-time)
	6-7.30pm	Brownies	Memorial Hall (term-time)
	7.30-10.30pm	Tennis Club night	Tennis Courts
Wednesday	8pm	Fitness Yoga/Pilates	Memorial Hall
	9.45-11.30	Tots and Toddlers	Memorial Hall
	6.30-7.15pm	Women's strength and Mobility	Village Hall
	7-9pm	Scouts	Ugley Village Hall (term-time)
Thursday	7.30pm	Aerobics	Elsenham Village Hall
	9-10am	Teddy Bear Music	Memorial Hall (term-time)
	6-7.15pm	Cubs (Bear Pack)	Ugley Village Hall (term-time)
Friday	6.45-7.45pm	Jump Fit	Elsenham Village Hall
	10-11am	Little Fishes	Memorial Hall (term-time)
Saturday	8.15am-1pm	Tarte au Citroen	Playing Field
	8.45am-12pm	Youth boys & girls football	Playing Field
	9-11.15am	Forte Dance Class	Memorial Hall
	8.45-9.30am	Little Kickers Mighty	Village Hall (term time)
	9.35-10.20am	Little Kickers Junior	Village Hall (term time)
	10.25-11.10am	Little Kickers Tots	Village Hall (term time)



Now it is getting warmer and a bit lighter, we are all getting excited about summer not too far off, why not come out and celebrate by visiting our **village Farmers Market on Saturday March 28. We are open from 12.30-2.30pm.** So, if you haven't been for a while, do pop by. You will not be disappointed.

We have a great range of products being sold, and we try hard to ensure that we only sell consumable produce or allied products by small independent sellers. Everything is as local as possible.

Our sellers can vary from month to month, and their products can also be seasonal, but the quality is always tip top and there is always something for everyone. If you are not sure there will be anything you want, why not come and meet a friend, enjoy a coffee and cake and look at the produce at the same time, it's a win, win!

Most of the produce is homemade, so not only do you get these fabulous treats once a month, you are also supporting local businesses as well as coming together with our fabulous community, you might even make a new friend!

These are the dates for the first half of 2026: -

**28<sup>th</sup> MARCH**  
**25<sup>th</sup> APRIL**  
**30<sup>th</sup> MAY**  
**27<sup>th</sup> JUNE**

The markets for the rest of the year are on **JULY 25, AUGUST 29, SEPTEMBER 26, OCTOBER 31 and NOVEMBER 28 (all things festive & more!).**

No charge for entry; just enjoy and immerse yourself in all the gorgeous produce!

We look forward to seeing you.

Best wishes  
Elsenham Farmers Market Team

# THE NEWS REPORT

*From The Editors*

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Let's hope that it is at last the end of the wet and cold season and we can finally turn our thoughts to seeing sunshine on a regular basis!

The consistent rain has been a little like local developments, persistent and unwelcome! However, it is hoped that the Local Development Plan will now make enough sense to the powers that be to finally give it the all clear. If that is the case, let us also hope that the Planning Department at UDC can finally say no to more development here in Elsenham. Keep an eye on Development Developments (page 9) for future updates.

February is always a quiet month but a number of organisations are gearing up for the year ahead and we at Elsenham News hope we can continue to provide them with much needed support. Everything from the Church, the Community Choir and the Cricket Club as well as Eagles have something happening to keep you involved in your local community, and the articles in this issue provide you the details.

Whatever you are looking to do once the weather improves, we hope you will find everything you need here in the pages of Elsenham News.

The Editorial Team  
Elsenham News

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It has been another productive month for the Parish Council and I am pleased to share the latest updates with residents.

We are currently in the process of co-opting a new councillor to fill our existing vacancy. This is a great opportunity for an Elsenham resident to play an active role in supporting our community and contributing to local decision-making. We look forward to welcoming a new member to the Council soon.

In response to ongoing concerns raised by residents, we have established a Traffic and Parking Working Group. The group will be investigating parking issues on Station Road and New Road, identifying key problem areas and exploring potential solutions. Once proposals have been developed these will be put forward to councillors with the aim of resolving the difficulties. We appreciate the feedback received so far and will keep the village updated on progress.

I recently met with PCSO, Alexander Stewart, to discuss ways we can strengthen engagement with the local community. We talked about introducing initiatives such as 'Walk With Me' patrols and informal drop-in sessions at the local Touchpoint Café. These would provide residents with more opportunities to raise concerns, ask questions and connect with local policing in a relaxed and accessible setting. Further details will be shared once arrangements are confirmed. We are also looking for volunteers to join community speed watch, please get in touch if you would like to be involved.

The second clothes bank has now been ordered and is due for delivery (and may already have arrived by the time this goes to print). This additional facility should help meet demand and make it easier for residents to donate unwanted clothing locally. Once again we thank you for not leaving bags of unwanted clothing when the bank is full. These clothes will not be accepted and have to be disposed of separately.

I am pleased to report that three allotment plots have now been let to residents who were on the waiting list. It is wonderful to see continued interest in growing locally, and we look forward to seeing the plots cultivated over the coming months. The Flowerbeds Committee are busy planning this year's displays and working hard behind the scenes to bring colour and vibrancy to the village once again. Their efforts make such a difference to the look and feel of our community, and we thank them for their continued dedication.

As always, if you have any queries or matters you would like the Parish Council to consider, please do get in touch.

The next Parish Council meeting will be on Monday 2 March at 7.45pm in the Memorial Hall. All residents are welcome.

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# DEVELOPMENT DEVELOPMENTS

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As predicted last month, Gladman's appeal was allowed by the Planning Inspector. Outline planning approval has been given for 240 new homes to the north of Bedwell Road, despite unremitting noise from the motorway to the west and intermittent noise from the railway to the east. Gladman's big scheme, which they worked on for many months, and are actually rather proud of, is that there will be houses of three storeys built towards the motorway in order to baffle the noise, with all the habitable rooms on the supposedly quiet side; everyone will be happy and it won't matter that the residents can't hear themselves speak when they go outside.

The Local Plan Inspectors issued their Final Report on 16 January. It is positive, although Uttlesford District Council still need to be able to demonstrate a five-year housing land supply in six months' time, which they seem to feel won't be a problem. It includes the allocation of 110 homes to the north of Bloor's consented developments (350 and 200) off Henham Road. Bloor did not wait for the outcome of the Plan. Their full application for 130 awaits determination. Some of its provisions are highly questionable.

Access is to be via phases 1 and 2 and the terrible junction on the inside of a bend on Henham Road with limited visibility as you leave. The site, of course, is on the wrong side of the railway, unless you're catching a train towards London, and that is exactly what Bloor is anticipating, so that they can sell their houses to commuters. But eventually, after a working life of over-crowded trains, and the fledglings have flown the nest for good and the knees are getting a bit creaky, if you should decide to look round for something smaller on a single storey, you will be disappointed. The provision of bungalows does not even come close to UDC'S meagre prescription, with none at all on the open market.

The District Council expects that developments should be 'tenure blind', with 'affordable' housing evenly distributed. Developers don't like this, and prefer that some parts should be obviously posher than the rest. Bloor proposes that the area of the site nearest (but not too near) to the railway station should be separate from the rest, with mostly superior four- and five-bedroom upmarket domiciles, and just one discounted market sale hidden within the remaining 26. As with most developers, they misunderstand the Grove Hill problem - their software is designed to assess junctions, so they assume that the Grove Hill / Lower Street junction must be the issue, rather than the traffic lights controlling the narrow stretch and the parked cars.

There is no perceived demand for a further 110, or 130, homes in the village. Bloor have been offered the development as a 'quid pro quo' for making more land available for educational purposes, to be tacked onto the land included in Phase 1.

It can confidently be expected that, despite everything, the application will be approved.

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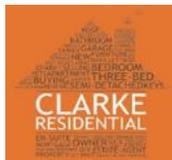
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# ELSENHAM VILLAGE HISTORY SOCIETY

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Our next meeting is on Wednesday 11 March 2026 and will include our AGM.

The speaker for the meeting will be Mark Cook who will speak about "Policing in the Met and Essex". You might ask just how much policing does Essex need and in particular Elsenham because, by and large, we are a very law abiding village!

Today this may very well be the case but in times past things weren't so good. For example, take the case of the Elsenham Gang. The gang was led by Joseph Clark who, it is believed, lived at Gaunts End with his wife Elizabeth. The members of the gang were William, Henry and Joshua Clark (his sons), William Hayden of Broxted, Aaron Miller of Hertfordshire, William Giffin of Bishops Stortford and Thomas Monk from Elsenham.

They operated over an area that included Broxted, Elsenham, Henham, Much Easton and Tilty in the early years of the 19<sup>th</sup> Century, becoming known as the Notorious Elsenham Gang in the newspapers of 1816. They were finally apprehended in late 1816 when they shot James Dennis whilst attempting to burgle his house in Tye Green. Although shot in the face, Mr Dennis survived. Witnesses identified Monk and two of the Clark brothers who were apprehended and led the Bow Street Runners to the others. When Joseph Clark's property was searched, evidence was found of their complicity in this and several other crimes for which they were tried at Chelmsford Assizes in February 1817. Joseph Clark was found guilty of attempting to murder James Dennis and was executed. His sons were spared execution but were transported to Australia, as were Aaron Miller and William Giffin. William Hayden was not part of the Tye Green raid but was sentenced to life imprisonment and transportation for stealing a lamb. Although an accomplice, Thomas Monk was saved from being tried for his crimes by dint of giving evidence against the others.

Other villages had their ne'er-do-wells too. There was Arsenic Sally from Clavering who was tried for poisoning two children of her own plus another child in 1847; she was acquitted of any wrongdoing. Her story spread, however, and Mary May of Wix near Harwich was "inspired" to poison her husband. She was not so lucky, however. The court found her guilty and she was executed at the hand of William Calcraft, the then hangman. In 1851, Arsenic Sally was found guilty of the murder of her husband and she too was executed by William Calcraft.

Please come along to our March meeting, all are welcome. Visitors pay just £2.00 but what better time to join the society than at the start of the year for £5.00. A bargain!

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There really is so much for you to do at the farm including riding on our train, meeting and bottle-feeding the new lambs and kid goats, holding chicks and ducklings, enjoying warm drinks and snacks, bouncing on the bouncy castle, spring stamp hunt, play areas and more!

We have all sorts of chickens, ducks, guineafowl, turkeys and geese. Don't forget, we often have chicken and sometimes duck eggs for sale.

Come to our farm, blow those cobwebs away and meet all our new additions who will be born over the coming months.

Check our Facebook page for news on our latest arrivals, opening hours and any new events such as our meeting our new calf who is just SO cute!

We ALWAYS need help in so many ways, particularly at times like this 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.

We look forward to welcoming you to the farm.



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# ELSENHAM WOMEN'S INSTITUTE

By Moyra Jackson ☎ 647351



March already! Shame we have to wait until the 29th for the clocks to go forward!

In February, we enjoyed a very interesting talk on The Story of Saffron Walden's Almshouses and Ladies Who Lunch dined at our very own Crown.

On March 19 Fiona Rose will tell us about "The Life and Designs of May Morris (daughter of William Morris)" and on April 16 Paul Read entertains with "Reach for the Stars".

As well as our monthly meetings and outings we have a walking group, a Cinema Club, a "Crafternoon" for our members. We also have a Natter Night on the second Tuesday of each month in the Crown. This is open to all who are interested or need help with crafts, or if you would just like to have a drink and a natter.

We are always happy to welcome visitors and new members so please come along, especially if you are new to the village. It really is a great way to get to know people and make friends. If that's not enough – there's always cake!

*Details of our programme, events and activities can be found on Facebook, Twitter and Instagram – search for Elsenham WI. Visitors are welcome to our monthly meetings so please come along. We meet at 7.45pm on the third Thursday in the month in the Memorial Hall.*  
**Elsenham WI – There's a lot going on!**

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March is the time to set our budgets. Wider Government changes to local government finance system (Fair Funding Review, reallocation of grants, etc,) mean that money is being shifted from less deprived areas to more deprived. Which means that we are one of those that monies will be shifted from.

Though UDC collect Council Tax the exact proportions can vary slightly year on year. A typical breakdown of a Council Tax bill in Uttlesford is:

- **Essex County Council:** ~71p of every £1 collected,
- **Essex Police:** ~11p of every £1,
- **Fire & Rescue Authority:** ~4p of every £1,
- **Uttlesford District Council:** ~8p of every £1,
- **Town/Parish Councils:** ~5p of every £1

**So out of every £1 of council tax you pay, roughly 8p is retained by Uttlesford District Council.**

We are very keen to ensure our council stock is maintained and improved. The Council successfully bid for £3.8 million from the Department for Energy, Security and Net Zero's Social Housing Decarbonisation Fund to upgrade the most energy inefficient homes. The project aims to retrofit additional insulation, solar panels, and air source heat pumps in 276 of the Council's homes. Estimates suggest the changes will bring a massive reduction in carbon emissions by 89 per cent, saving tenants approximately £275 annually on their energy bills.

We are delighted to announce good news for wheelchair users at the Lord Butler Leisure Centre with the launch of the Poolpod. This technology enables safe, dignified and independent access to the pool, opening up therapeutic, social and wellbeing benefits of swimming to a wider range of residents.

February 5 saw the first-year celebrations for Sustainable Uttlesford, a joint venture with Uttlesford District Council. Elsenham was well represented with members of Peacock Community Energy, Elsenham Eagles and the Bowls and Social Club all present to share Elsenham's sustainable credentials.

We still have some funds left from our Ward Initiative fund which helps support local initiatives in our communities, we need to spend this by March 20. We welcome applications to apply for some funding. Please do get in touch.

We will be holding our usual **monthly surgery**, March 12 at Osca High Street Henham, at 18.30. We look forward to meeting residents without making any prior appointment. As ever, of course, we would be very happy to hear from any residents by email or phone should there be anything they think we can help with or answer any questions you may have on our report or the District Council.



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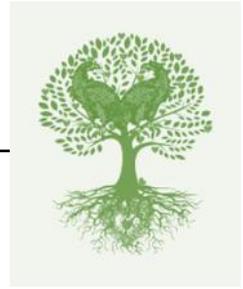
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The Elsenham Eagles have now mapped out an exciting year of local environmental projects. Following the success of the recent Christmas Tree Festival, the group is now focusing its efforts on enhancing our local green spaces.

### **Community Garden Growth**

The "Somewhere Nice to Bee" community garden remains a top priority. Plans are under way to install a stunning living willow dome, with Bianca Donald currently sourcing quotes for the project. While Tim Donald continues to liaise with Honours regarding the installation of a new standpipe, the group is also planning to reposition the garden bin and install new entrance signage.

If you would like to join a future working party, please contact Bianca on ☎ 07941 880297.

### **Big Green Festival Picnic**

Mark your calendars! The Eagles will be hosting a community picnic in the garden as part of Sustainable Uttlesford's Big Green Festival. The event promises to be a hit with families, featuring activities such as:

- Building a large pallet "bug hotel" (where children can create individual apartments").
- Bug hunting expeditions with identification charts.
- Constructing a hibernaculum to support local reptiles.

### **Join the Eagles!**

With a healthy budget of over £5,000 in combined funds and grants, the group has plenty of resources but needs more hands on deck. Due to current capacity, the thermal imaging camera project has been put on hold until membership grows. A new recruitment drive is launching soon with posters and leaflets across the village. Whether you have a green thumb or just want to help the local environment, the Eagles would love to meet you. Please see our contact details above if you would like to get in touch.

Our next meeting is on Monday March 23 at 7.30pm in the Bowls & Social Club.



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### **Paws at the Ready! St Clare Hospice's Virtual Dog Walking Challenge Returns This March**

St Clare Hospice's paw-pular virtual dog walking challenge, Paws for a Cause, is returning for its second year this March - local dog walkers are invited to grab their leads, get outdoors, and take part in a month-long challenge with their canine companions, all while supporting local hospice care.

Running from 1<sup>st</sup>-31<sup>st</sup> March, walkers can begin the challenge at any point during the month and complete it in whichever way suits them. Whether walking, jogging, wheeling or running, challengers can choose to complete 31 miles or take on this year's new 62 mile option, all while enjoying outdoor time with their pups and raising funds for St Clare Hospice.

Gary Albert, from Epping, took part in the challenge last year, and said: 'When I heard about Paws for a Cause it felt like the perfect challenge for me and my dog, Buddy. We're always out on long walks, so I thought, 'Let's go for it.' It was good fun and we managed to raise £345 for the hospice!

"I've always tried to support St Clare whenever I can, because the service they provide is second to none. I've seen this first hand when both a close friend and my father-in-law were cared by them in the past.' Walkers can earn exclusive St Clare goodies as they fundraise throughout the month:

- Raise £30 – Receive a free St Clare branded doggy bandana
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Paws for a Cause is proudly sponsored by Kew Vets, whose generous support helps make the event possible.

Want to sign up? Fetch your spot today:

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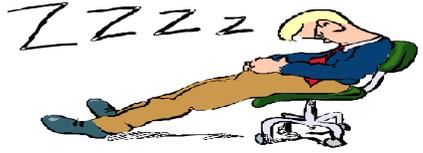


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During that time many would be employed by him or his sons who continued the business. Joe died in 1950.

Throughout this village and around the surrounding district, numerous properties were built by him. Perhaps he will be best remembered for the work on the local church. Earlier in the last century when the Church suffered from an attack of Death Watch Beetle, many of the giant timbers had to be replaced, no mean feat, when you consider the equipment then available.

Joseph Robert Robinson was to father nine children, sadly his son John, died aged only four. Norman Robinson went onto farming; Hilda Robinson went to Bramble Island to work on explosives. Joe Robinson was the first to leave Elsenham School and go on to Newport Grammer School.

Joe became a sleeping partner in the building firm when his father died. His two brothers, Ted and Frank were to continue to run the company until its closure. Frank will be also remembered as an Elsenham Parish Councillor.

Ray  
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## Thought For The Month by Rev Pete Tibbott

What is real?

As I think back on 2025, I realise how much more things need to be verified as 'real'. Whether that's images from war zones across the world or just me trying to access my own online accounts.

The influence of Artificial Intelligence (AI) is rising at a frightening rate. Businesses are becoming more dependent on it, finance experts are warning of the bursting of a potential AI 'bubble' and some are fearful of not only their job but their whole industry being subsumed.

While I am not an avid social media user, I'm aware of those who wish to keep their online feeds closer to reality, calling out AI 'slop' and urging individuals and organisations to 'keep it real'.

I wonder whether in 2026 we will need to ask ourselves more often, "is this real or is it fake?"

When you do, can I encourage you to turn off your device and go and look outside? Even in the winter I have loved walking through the woods in Elsenham and the footpaths of Ugley and Henham. On a clear day it's stunning to see the contrasts between sky, trees and fields. The reality of creation is a tonic to the fleeting false images and videos that circulate online.

Not only does creation ground us in reality, but it points us to something even more real. See what King David wrote around a century before Jesus:

*The heavens declare the glory of God;  
the skies proclaim the work of his hands.  
Day after day they pour forth speech;*

*night after night they reveal knowledge.  
They have no speech, they use no  
words;  
no sound is heard from them.  
Yet their voice goes out into all the earth,  
their words to the ends of the world.  
(Psalm 19:1-4)*

Yes, the world around us is clearly more 'real' than anything AI can produce. But even the earth and sky demonstrate that something, indeed *someone*, even more real is behind them: God himself.

We can tell a Picasso or a Monet painting because of what they look like. So we can also tell whether a piece of music is more Beethoven than Bach. In the same way, our world bears the distinctive creative hallmarks of the living God and of his son Jesus, the one from whom, through whom and to whom everything was made (1 Corinthians 8:6).

As we look ahead to the season of Easter, we look back to that first Easter when the Lord Jesus died and rose again. His death and resurrection were verifiable, historical events; not pie-in-the-sky superstitions or twisted untruths. Many of his disciples died in gruesome ways for defending their belief in the resurrected Jesus, because they saw him and testified to what they had witnessed.

As we crave after what is 'real', see how the skies testify to the mighty, creative God. The one who loved this world so much that he would send his Son to become flesh and blood, truly to die and truly to rise again, that we might know what real life really is.

# CHURCH EVENTS IN OUR VILLAGES FEBRUARY 2026

## Church Services

### Sunday 1<sup>st</sup> March

- 10:30** All Together All Age Service,  
Elsenham Village Hall  
**18:00** Sunday@6, Henham Church

### Sunday 8<sup>th</sup> March

- 08:45** Prayer Book Morning Prayer,  
Elsenham Church  
**10:00** Morning Service, Ugley Church  
**10:30** Morning Praise Service,  
Henham Church  
**18:00** Sunday@6, Henham Church

### Sunday 15<sup>th</sup> March

#### Mothers' Sunday

- 08:45** Prayer Book Holy Communion,  
Elsenham Church  
**10:00** Holy Communion Service,  
Ugley Church  
**10:30** Morning Praise Service  
Elsenham Village Hall  
**18:00** Sunday@6, Henham Church

### Sunday 22<sup>nd</sup> March

- 08:45** Prayer Book Morning Prayer,  
Elsenham Church  
**10:00** Morning Service, Ugley Church  
**10:30** Morning Praise Communion,  
Henham Church  
**18:00** Sunday@6, Henham Church

### Sunday 29<sup>th</sup> March

#### Palm Sunday

- 08:45** Prayer Book Morning Prayer,  
Elsenham Church  
**10:00** Morning Service, Ugley Church  
**10:30** Morning Praise Service  
Elsenham Village Hall  
**18:00** Sunday@6 Communion,  
Henham Church

For information on all these events,  
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## Other Regular Events

### SUNDAYS:

**Elsenham & Henham Sunday Club/  
Explorers (Reception-Y5)**

**Leave Morning Praise Service  
10:30am.**

Sundays: 8<sup>th</sup>, 15<sup>th</sup>, 22<sup>nd</sup> & 29<sup>th</sup>

**Pathfinders (Y6-Y9)**

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

Sundays: 1<sup>st</sup>, 8<sup>th</sup>, 15<sup>th</sup> & 22<sup>nd</sup>

**Crammin' (Y10-Y13)**

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

Sundays: 1<sup>st</sup>, 8<sup>th</sup>, 15<sup>th</sup> & 22<sup>nd</sup>

### MID-WEEK AND SATURDAY:

**Start the Week with Prayer**

**Old Frank's, Elsenham 9.30am**

Mondays: 2<sup>nd</sup>, 9<sup>th</sup>, 16<sup>th</sup>, 23<sup>rd</sup> & 30<sup>th</sup>

**Seekers After School Bible Club**

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

Mondays: 2<sup>nd</sup>, 9<sup>th</sup>, 16<sup>th</sup> & 23<sup>rd</sup>

**Christian Play (Y1-Y2)**

**Rowan House, Elsenham 3.15pm**

Tuesdays: 3<sup>rd</sup>, 10<sup>th</sup>, 17<sup>th</sup> & 24<sup>th</sup>

**Little Fishes Pre-School Group**

**Henham New Church Hall 9.15am**

Thursdays: 5<sup>th</sup>, 12<sup>th</sup>, 19<sup>th</sup> & 26<sup>th</sup>

**Little Fishes Pre-School Group**

**Elsenham Memorial Hall 10.00am**

Fridays: 6<sup>th</sup>, 13<sup>th</sup>, 20<sup>th</sup> & 27<sup>th</sup>

**Church Lunch Club**

**Elsenham Memorial Hall 12.30pm**

Fridays: (2<sup>nd</sup> & 4<sup>th</sup> Friday of the month):  
13<sup>th</sup> & 27<sup>th</sup>

### Friday 6<sup>th</sup> March

#### World Day of Prayer 2026

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### Debunking conspiracies and other challenges

The welter of decisions and imponderables that seized us all during Covid were recollected by Dr Kevin Bryant. His job, when the vaccine became available, was to dispel some worryingly damaging ideas about the Covid vaccine that were circulating amongst student nurses training at Anglia Ruskin.

As a researcher in physiology, anatomy, biochemistry and nutrition, he was tasked with allaying the concerns of nurses who were to step up to the front line of the NHS. The unfortunate misconception circulating, that somehow vaccination led to changes in DNA, caused many student nurses to balk at receiving the crucial vaccination. He produced a clear and vital scientific explanation, demonstrating how the vaccine worked, so that nurses became convinced and able to take up their places in an NHS which was fighting hard for us all.

The u3a audience also benefited from an excellent summary of the science of the vaccine and, during a lively Q&A session, Kevin explored techniques of combatting conspiracy theories and the significance of trustworthy science.

Yet further critical issues are to be addressed by the u3a in March. We begin on March 9 with the garden group welcoming back writer and broadcaster Geoff Hodge to give a talk on "Gardening in the Global Greenhouse". This talk is well timed to coincide with the springtime itch to get out and nurture our environment. Then, on 14 March, David Morson will ask the question "Are Donald Trump and Elon Musk the Logical Consequence of Globalisation?", promising a dissection of how possibly we are where we are.

At the monthly meeting on 19 March, best-selling author Andrew Baker will recollect the infamous Profumo Affair.

Information on the extensive activities happening in the u3a can be found using the contact details above.

#### **GARDEN HINT** *By Sue Johnson*

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*By John Welham, Warden*

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Our volunteer group had to cancel some work party sessions recently due to bad weather which is why it is a surprise that we still don't have our normal water levels at Aubrey Buxton. By this time of year in the reserve, we would normally expect to see not only the permanent ponds full of water but also the numerous temporary ponds that typically fill during winter and generally stay full through spring, gradually drying out in summer. However, despite the significant levels of rain that we received in January we don't yet have nearly the normal levels of water in the reserve. This is perhaps due to our changing climate.

According to the Met Office 2025 was the warmest and sunniest year on record in the UK. Also, four of the last five years now appear in the top five warmest years since 1884.

We do need the temporary ponds to fill because these are the favoured locations for the frogs and toads to mate and produce their young. Why do they choose the temporary ponds over the permanent ponds I hear you ask? Well, they are a safer habitat to breed in. Because they dry out in the summer, they aren't good habitats for many of the predators that eat frogspawn and tadpoles such as dragonfly lava and diving beetles and their lava.

So as much as we moan about the rain, the frogs and toads will appreciate it.



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### **‘Happy, Tired and Traumatized in the Best Way’: British Offsite’s Shaun Weston Reaches South Pole and Raises Over £100,000 for St Clare Hospice**

At the start of this January, Shaun Weston, Managing Director of British Offsite Ltd, embarked on *The Last Degree Challenge* - a seven-day, 100km ski expedition across one of the most extreme environments on the planet. His mission: to reach the Geographic South Pole in support of St Clare Hospice.

After Shaun and his team reached the starting point of the *Last Degree* - the final 60 nautical miles (roughly 111 km) separating 89° South from the very bottom of the Earth - his toughest stretch began. From there, Shaun skied the entire distance, towing a supply-laden sled through -20°C conditions and pushing himself harder than ever before, ultimately completing the challenge with a triumphant arrival at the South Pole.

Speaking about the experience, Shaun Weston said: ‘I’m feeling happy, tired, and traumatized in the best way after completing *The Last Degree Challenge*. It’s been the culmination of nearly two years of planning and prep work. I’ve directed a huge amount of time and energy into the project and I’m tremendously happy to have supported St Clare Hospice this way. The South Pole is exactly what you would imagine: a vast, wide, barren wilderness – and cold! Temperatures were between -25°C and -35°C. But I felt a great sense of elation when I finally reached the pole and raised St Clare Hospice’s flag. They do such great work, and the care they provide is something people naturally don’t tend to think about until they or their families and loved ones need it.

My association with the hospice goes back many years. My father and his business has worked with St Clare for around 25 years, and a very close friend of his was a patient there. Because of that connection, I’ve worked with the hospice for probably 12 to 15 years myself. Over time, you realise how many people you know end up being cared for or supported by them.

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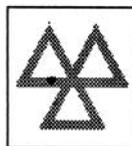
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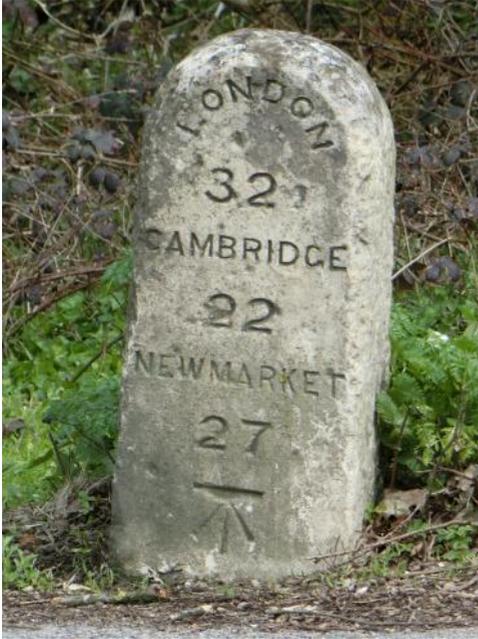
Having worked with the team, it's the people who operate the hospice that I've also built up a connection with over the years. They're fantastic individuals who show up night and day. The Hospice at Home nurses are up at all hours providing support and comfort – it's a phenomenal service.'

Shaun's commitment to St Clare extends far beyond this challenge. Throughout 2025, he took on a remarkable lineup of fundraising events - from a family fun walk and charity golf day to a boxing spar-a-thon, a gala dinner, and even taking on the Yorkshire Three Peaks. So far, his efforts have raised an astounding £113,000 for the hospice. This could go towards covering the cost of 518 nights of specialist care for families caring for a loved one at home at the end of their life.

You can still continue to support Shaun and the hospice by donating to his Just Giving page: [Shaun Weston is fundraising for St Clare Hospice \(Hastingwood\)](#)



**THE HUNDRED PARISHES SOCIETY**



*Incised benchmark on milestone 32 north of Stansted Mountfitchett*

*Metal benchmark plate on Clavering*



*Triangulation pillar on Newport—Wicken Bonhunt boundary*

*Triangulation pillar in Castle Camps*

# THE HUNDRED PARISHES SOCIETY

By Ken McDonald, Secretary

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Now that Spring is on its way, the weather should encourage us to make more use of bridleways and footpaths. Around 150 walk descriptions are available to download free from our website, [www.hundredparishes.org.uk](http://www.hundredparishes.org.uk). As well as saying when to turn left or right, our route descriptions aim to point out things of interest along the way. Some of these will be marked on the local Ordnance Survey map.

Ordnance Survey (“OS”) has been the UK’s official mapping body since 1791 AD, having originated for military purposes. Its activities have left various physical markers which may still be encountered, albeit that mapping techniques have moved forward in recent times with the satellite-based GPS (global positioning system).

The two historic OS markers that are most likely to be encountered are “triangulation pillars” and “benchmarks”.

Several thousand triangulation pillars (also referred to as trig points) were installed all over the UK - solid concrete pillars about 4 feet tall, usually erected at a high point with a clear range of vision. Each has a place on top for positioning a map measurer’s tool, a theodolite. The pillar’s location and height above sea level have been precisely measured and recorded so that from here the map-maker can plot the surrounding landscape. A Triangulation Pillar on the Newport - Wicken Bonhunt boundary can be found at Grid Reference TL501348 (see photo). Another example is the Triangulation Pillar in Castle Camps at Grid Reference TL625416.

OS surveyors also left “benchmarks” in thousands of strategic locations. These are additional altitude reference points, a horizontal line indicating height above sea level, chiselled into a wall or milestone from around 1840 until the 1990s. The benchmark was sometimes indicated on a brass plaque attached at the appropriate height. On OS benchmarks, the horizontal line appears above an upward-pointing arrow. An incised benchmark can be found on milestone 32 north of Stansted Mountfitchet (see photo) and there is an incised benchmark on milestone 40 south of Littlebury.

There is a metal benchmark plate on Clavering Church wall (see photo).

Please look out for trig points and benchmarks. If they are on a Hundred Parishes walk route but not yet mentioned in the description, please let us know.

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# ELSENHAM BOWLS AND SOCIAL CLUB

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By David Thomas



Those of you who read this article regularly will know that there is always something happening at the Elsenham Bowls & Social Club. We have social activities throughout the year and bowls from late April to September. To make this happen there are a team of volunteers who make sure that the club runs smoothly. They do everything from positioning tables and chairs for activities in the club house through to the seven days a week 52 weeks a year care of the green in preparation for the bowling season. If you are interested in helping, please get in touch or join us on a Wednesday morning when our maintenance team meet to work on the club.

If you walked past the club during February, you may have wondered why there was scaffolding up in front of the building. We are very pleased to have had solar electric (PV) panels installed on the clubhouse roof. Although the project will reduce our electricity bills, more importantly it will reduce our carbon footprint by an estimated 2.5 tonnes a year, or the equivalent of planting over 100 trees. This project is part-funded by the UK Government through the UK Shared Prosperity Fund. Our thanks go to all who have been involved in making this project possible, including the support we have had from Uttlesford District Council.

We have a Race Night on March 28. Sponsorship for races and some horses is still available. If you would like to name a race or have the thrill of your horse winning, please contact Trevor on ☎ 07445 437437 for more information. There are no tickets for the event, just an entry fee of £2 per member or £3 for non-members. We look forward to seeing you on the night.

The Ilford Magic Circle will be joining us on May 6 for a charity night raising funds on behalf of the Air Ambulance. This is a very different evening which will include close up magic tricks and a full show provided by their members. We are grateful to the Ilford Magic Circle for providing this unusual and rare evening of entertainment. Please book your place early before they disappear! Tickets are available now at £8 for members and £13 for non-members. Availability is limited, so please call Trevor on ☎ 07445 437437 to secure your ticket.

Regular bingo sessions continue at 7:00 for 7:30 on March 7 and 21 plus April 4 and 18 .

As always, our Friday social evening continues throughout the year, from 7pm. There is also short mat on a Monday afternoon plus crib and darts during the week.

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

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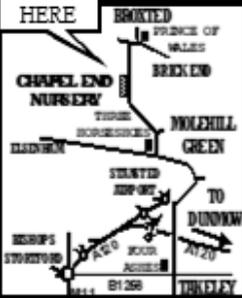
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# STANSTED HALL & ELSENHAM CRICKET CLUB

By David Brown

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## OPEN DAY

Stansted Hall & Elsenham Cricket Club are holding an Open Day on Sunday April 26. Please come and join us.

You will be offered a cup of tea, some light refreshments and a look around our beautiful ground and facilities. A match will be in progress providing the weather is kind to us. Please arrive between 3pm and 5pm and you will be shown around by one of our members. We are hidden away on the road between Stansted and Elsenham, postcode CM24 8ST. You could be looking for a new club, your child is considering playing cricket (we take children from the age of 5 years), or you may live in the village and have not visited us before, just pop along.

We are a hidden gem.

## FROM THE PARISH REGISTERS

### Funeral:

On February 12 at Cam Valley Crematorium, Jeremy Christopher Platt, aged 88 years, formerly of Crow Street, Henham.

### Burial of Ashes:

On February 9 in Henham Cemetery, Sheila Mulhall.

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

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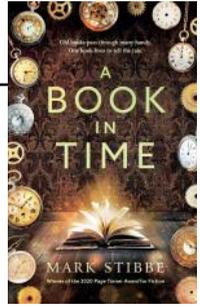
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## A BOOK IN TIME BY MARK STIBBE

Reviewed by Marion Giles for Elsenham Book Group

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*'Winner of the prestigious 2020 Page Turner Awards, A Book in Time is a truly enchanting work of magical realism by "a hugely talented storyteller." This exceptional novel has been described by publishers, agents, and literary judges alike as "visionary", "ambitious", "magical", "unique," "refreshing". You will never have read anything like it before. And if you're a lover of books, or you work in a profession to do with books, you will be hooked from the first sentence. A Book in Time is really a love story about a book's longing over two centuries for the mother who bore it. Adopted by many different owners – some loving, others unscrupulous – this book longs to be reunited with an elderly author who cherished it as if it was her only child. As the book passes through many hands, it observes not only the way people treat it, but each other, and in all of this, its mother's love sets the high standard against which everything is lovingly judged. ...' So says the blurb on the back of the book.*

The Amazon AI says: Customers find this book to be a fascinating story woven with historical elements, with one review noting it's full of historical and geographical references. Moreover, the writing style is well-crafted, and customers describe it as a beautiful read. Additionally, they appreciate the love story element, with one review highlighting how it intertwines history and romance, while another mentions how it challenges preconceptions.

This was the choice of the book group this month. A poor reaction from us.

Apparently, the author – Mark Stibbe – completed the search for his own mother after finishing this novel. Having been adopted in 1960, and having never met or known his birth mother, Mark met her for the first time at the end of 2021, shortly before she died. So, the reviews suggest there is more than a hint of Mark's own search in the book's quest for its author. Perhaps it would have been better if he had kept that apart from this novel as it is a most confusing read.

Essentially the book, authored by Emily Swanson is a first-edition beautifully-bound book of poetry with illustrations by William Blake. On her death, she bequeaths the book to someone who was kind to her. From there, the book is passed from person to person, some of whom are notable characters in history. As the book is so valuable, there is also the risk of it falling into the wrong hands so people try to protect it. Mark Stibbe has obviously researched thoroughly to set these events in accurate timelines and contexts. However, the passing of the book from person to person is contrived and clumsy and a bit silly in places.

The story is told through the 'eyes' of the book, which is an interesting premise and there have been other novels narrated from a strange point of view. He has given the 'book' the ability to see, hear and feel emotion and events but the book's constant yearning for its 'mother' detracts and spoils the novel. The ending of the story is quite ridiculous and defies description.

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By Sue Johnson ☎ 812704

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### DANISH RISOTTO (serves 4)

900ml (30fl oz) chicken stock  
1 tablespoon Worcestershire sauce  
300g (11oz) long grain rice  
1 tablespoon sunflower oil  
225g (8oz) lean bacon, chopped  
6 pork sausages, chopped  
1 large onion, sliced  
125g (4oz) button mushrooms, halved  
1 red and 1 green pepper, sliced

You will need a large flameproof lidded casserole pan for the rice and a deep-frying or sauté pan for the bacon and sausage mixture.

Pour the stock and Worcestershire sauce into the casserole pan and bring to the boil. Add the rice. Cover and simmer for 25-30 minutes or until all the liquid has been absorbed and the rice is cooked.

While the rice is cooking, heat the oil in the frying pan, add the bacon, sausages and onion. Fry until brown over a moderate heat. Add the mushrooms and peppers.

Cook for a further 5 minutes until all the ingredients are tender.

Place the cooked rice on to a large warmed serving dish. Add the bacon mixture and toss gently to combine all the ingredients.

**CHEF'S RECOMMENDATIONS:** Serve with a green salad. You could use risotto rice. Or try making with brown basmati rice, equally delicious!

### World Day of Prayer March 6 2026 - By Felicity Savage

World Day of Prayer is a global service held on the first Friday of March each year in more than 120 countries starting in Samoa and finishing 38 hours later in American Samoa. Join with people from Henham, Elsenham and Ugley churches at 2.00pm on Friday, 6<sup>th</sup> March in the New Hall at Henham Church for an informal service followed by refreshments. Each year the service is prepared by Christian women from a different country. This year the women of Nigeria have prepared a service with the theme "I will give you rest, come" based on Matthew 11:28-30. The service speaks to our need for peace and solace, drawing on their faith and experiences in a world filled with struggles and anxieties.

Everyone is welcome.

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