

# Elsenham News



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## **Elsenham Village Regular Monthly or Quarterly Activities**

Parish Council 1st **Monday** of month 8pm (excl. Bank Holidays) Memorial Hall

Village Café Coffee 1st & 3rd **Tuesday** 9.30 - 11.30am Memorial Hall

& 2nd & 4th **Tuesday** 9.30 - 11.30am Bowls & Social Club

Henham & District Garden Society 1st **Tuesday** of month 2.30 - 4pm Memorial Hall

Community Choir 1st & 3rd **Tuesdays** of the month 7-8.30pm Village Hall

Life Drawing 2nd **Tuesday** of month 7.30 - 9.30 Village Hall

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

Church Lunch Club 2nd & 4th **Friday** of the month 12.30pm Memorial Hall

## **May diary**

Tues 3 & 17	Village Café Coffee Morning	Memorial Hall 9.30 - 11.30am
Tues 3	Henham & District Garden Soc	Outing
Tues 3 & 17	Elsenham Community Choir	Village Hall 7pm
Mon 9	Parish Council Meeting	Memorial Hall 8pm
Tues 10 & 24	Village Café Coffee Morning	Bowls & Social Club 9.30 - 11.30am
Tues 10	Life Drawing	Village Hall 7.30pm
Thu 12	Elsenham Community Association Meeting	Memorial Hall 7.45pm
Fri 13 & 27	Church Lunch Club	Memorial Hall 12.30pm
Sat 14	Bingo	Bowls & Social Club 7.30 for 8pm
Thurs 19	Elsenham WI	Memorial Hall 7.45pm
Sat 21	Elsenham Flower Show Society Plant Sale	See Page 11
Sun 29	Bowls Club Open Day	Bowls & Social Club

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## 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)

## From The Parish Registers

### Burial of Ashes:

On 21<sup>st</sup> April 2022 at St Mary's Elsenham Churchyard, Joan Yvonne Hens.

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# THE NEWS REPORT

From The Editors

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***This May issue of Elsenham News is again full of things to do for all in the Village should they wish to get involved. We have said before how village life is changing here in Elsenham and if you enjoy life as it is now and before we get swamped with more developments, then you should read Development Developments. Let's try and remain a nice place to live rather than another urban sprawl (see Ray's Reflections).***

***Children of all ages have a lot of activities to choose from in the village and you'll find details on Guides, Scouts and Junior Bowls and, of course, the delightful Daisy May's. With Stansted Golf World just on our doorstep too, we are blessed with many great activities.***

***Whatever activity or pastime you would like to get involved with, we're sure you'll find details in this issue somewhere. If not, drop us a line and let us know what you need information on.***

***If you have time on your hands and want to assist in a venture, we at Elsenham News are always on the look-out for keen volunteers! Again, drop us a line and we'll be in touch.***

***We would be interested to hear your views on what articles or topics you would like to see in the publication and don't feel we cover now. It could be a campaign you wish to start or a new group you'd like to launch. We would be happy to consider your ideas.***

***Elsenham thrives not just because it is commutable to London, but because most people care about their lives here and the way of life the village offers. Let us know how you feel about it.***

***We hope you enjoy this issue and look forward to continuing to serve you.***

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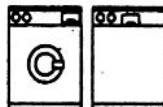
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## DEVELOPMENT DEVELOPMENTS

By *Graham Mott* ☎ 812516 ✉ [motts@grahammott.plus.com](mailto:motts@grahammott.plus.com)



Here we go again. That was the inevitable reaction to the news that an outline planning application for 130 homes will be submitted for the field opposite the Crown by Countryside, an outfit which has not previously proposed to grace the village. The site was included when Uttlesford District Council conducted its 'Call for Sites' operation. UDC still has not produced its draft local plan, which seems to recede further and further away, much like the pot of gold at the end of the rainbow. Obviously, these developers have decided to put their application in now in case the site is not included in the local plan. Other developers will no doubt do the same throughout the district, with the possibility that by the time the local plan is eventually formulated, the district already has enough houses committed.

To talk or not to talk? That is the question facing the Parish Council. It's tempting to shrug and walk away, muttering, 'do your worst'. However, if we do that we won't gain anything. It would be more sensible to make the case early on for a substantial contribution to the new Community Hall - insisting that it is done without prejudice to the position of opposition to the whole scheme.

Two revised detailed applications have been lodged, inconveniently close to one another in time, for sites in the village which already have outline planning permission. One of many ways in which the planning system is loaded in favour of developers is that they control the timetable. Insufficient time was given for reviewing the 140 or so new documents submitted with the application from Bloor Homes, for 'up to' 350 dwellings off Henham Road. The application is due before the late April meeting of UDC's Planning Committee.

Hard on the heels of Bloor comes Dandara, with their revised application for 99 homes split between Isabel Drive and Stansted Road and including a mere 90 or so new documents. Their application includes some most egregious errors - inconsistencies as to dwelling types, faults which were pointed out to them several months ago. There is no penalty for making mistakes - indeed it hardly matters. Either they correct them and try again, or, more likely, they don't bother and nobody minds. But if their building is on a par with their documents, there will be some very confused houses.

UDC's Planning Committee is getting to grips with the Council's 'designation', whereby major developers now have the option of applying direct to the Planning Inspectorate on account of the number of refusals overturned at appeal. At the last meeting of the Committee, one councillor proposed approval of a large application 'with a heavy heart', after the Planning Officer said that refusal would be followed by a successful appeal, which would not help UDC's case for the designation to be lifted. But the councillor should have realised that in effect the Planning Committee's role always has been to guess the outcome if an application goes to appeal and make their own decision accordingly - the Committee has very little by way of real autonomy.



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# ELSENHAM VILLAGE HISTORY SOCIETY

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

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A perusal of the History Society constitution reveals that amongst its list of aims is one that says the society is here...

...to promote interest in Elsenham's past among all groups, including young people, in Elsenham and more widely.

To this end our website serves to educate a wide audience about Elsenham's past and has led to several interesting discoveries as we have been contacted by readers near and far. We were very pleased however to be contacted by Jennifer Jarvis from the Elsenham Brownies to ask if we would give a talk to her group that would teach them about Elsenham's past and go some way to helping them to earn their history badge. The talk covered a number of topics including the origins of the village pump, the jam factory and why some of the roads in the village are so named.

Meanwhile, we were also contacted by Laura Dupplaw from Elsenham School who asked us if we could give a talk to her year nine pupils. This time the talk would look at how the village had changed over the years and how, for example, the coming of the railway had affected the people then living here. The talk also used old maps to show how the village has changed and grown over the years.

Our thanks go to Jennifer and Laura for giving us the opportunity "to spread the word" so to speak and to Ray Franklin and David Verlander who presented the talks.

Whilst on the subject of thanks, our thanks must also go to Roger Taylor who has kindly donated a series of colour slides showing the building of the M11 motorway through the village. As usual, these will be digitally scanned and in due course posted in our website galleries to bolster the already wide range of information to be found within its pages. Don't forget to look at our website from time to time to catch up on all the new material that our webmaster adds to keep it fresh.

Our next meeting will be on Wednesday 8<sup>th</sup> June at 8pm in the Memorial Hall when we will welcome Anthony Tuck from the Newport Local History Group. He will be speaking about "Newport, A Great and Poor Town", the story of our neighbour just a little way up the road.

EVHS membership costs just five pounds a year and allows admission to four meetings through the year which will all feature interesting speakers on a wide variety of subjects. If you are not sure whether this is for you, do remember that visitors are also very welcome to any of our meetings and pay just two pounds per evening. We look forward to seeing you soon.



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# ELSENHAM FLOWER SHOW SOCIETY

By Sue Johnson ☎ 812704

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Our annual Plant Sale will be organised in the same way as we did last year, with advanced orders placed over the phone, ✉ [jvi608@yahoo.com](mailto:jvi608@yahoo.com) or via our Facebook page. More details will be available as we approach 21st May. As last year, once we receive a message from you, we will respond to discuss your plant requirements.

Ordering will start as soon as the magazine is delivered, on a first come first serve basis, due to some with limited stock, for collection on 21st May. Please note that some outdoor plants should not be put in the garden until nearer the end of the month, especially if frosts are forecast. Plants will be priced at 50p each (unless otherwise stated); correct cash payment on collection would be much appreciated.

To give you an idea, some of the plants we hope to have available include:

## Vegetables:

Broad Beans, Runner Beans, Climbing and Dwarf French Beans  
Cabbages  
Courgettes (£1 per plant)  
Cucumbers  
Chillies  
Sweet Peppers: California Wonder  
Tomatoes: Alicante, Cherry and Tumbling Toms  
Strawberries  
Herbs, various

## Summer Bedding Plants, etc:

Bedding Begonias  
Busy Lizzies  
Calendula  
Cosmos  
Dahlias: Bedding Dwarf Double Mixed, Bishop's  
Children and from tubers  
Everlastings  
Foxgloves  
French Marigolds

Gazania  
Geraniums  
Penstemon (50p/£1 for established plants)  
Petunias  
Rudbekia  
Salvia: Hotlips (£1)  
Sunflowers  
Sweet Peas  
Zinnias, multi-coloured

## Larger Hardy Plants:

Hostas – various (£1/£2.00 depending on size)  
Hollyhocks  
Hellebores  
Tree Peony

## Houseplants:

Small succulents and cacti (various)

## Other:

Rhubarb Bundle four sticks - picked fresh to order - £1

If you have any small pots spare, we would be grateful if you could let us have them, either dropping off at Le Touquet, or when you collect your plants from New Road.

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## OPEN GARDENS SUNDAY 26th JUNE, 1-5 p.m.

We are so pleased to announce that a good number of Gardens in the village have already signed up for our Open Gardens Event. If you are thinking of opening your garden, please do get in touch with Steve Hardy. He will be only too pleased to hear from you, ✉ [hardy7750@aol.com](mailto:hardy7750@aol.com) or ☎ 813763 / mobile 07588 695616.

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# HENHAM GARDEN SOCIETY

*By Moyra Jackson*



We held our annual Spring Show last month which was our first show for three years and we had an excellent turnout. In total there were 49 entries and Elsenham Memorial Hall was a blaze of colour and wonderful scents – thanks mainly to the beautiful hyacinths on show.

There were many individual class prizes with the shield for the most overall points going to Pat Mutimer. 2<sup>nd</sup> place was awarded to Gloria Eatson and 3<sup>rd</sup> to Dorothy Wallace.

Many thanks to our illustrious judges – Alex Lucas who judged the entire flower and Plant Classes and to Sue Johnson who judged the Baking Class. Not an easy task but handled very professionally by both. Thanks also to all those involved in the setting up, collating statistics and results and helping to clear up after.

In May we can all have a well-earned treat with an outing to Poplar Garden Centre in Colchester. We meet on the first Tuesday of the month in Elsenham Memorial Hall. For more details, please see the back page of the magazine.



## **Garden Hint – homemade weed killer**

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This month's article initially seemed to be an easy one, as we leaders currently find ourselves in the middle of the Easter Holidays with a short break from Scout meetings. However, as looking back into the couple of weeks' activities since the last article shows, we have still crammed a huge amount into the run-up to holidays, as well as ongoing planning for next term.

Our Beavers finished the term learning about St Patrick's Day and Ramadan, and also welcomed new members being invested into their Colonies. Cubs also learnt about St Patrick's Day, took part in lots of science experiments, had a visit to Stansted Fire Station to work on their Fire Safety Badges and finished the term with a round of Adventure Golf.

Scouts held their Mother's Day Tea Party, with quizzes, bingo and lots of cakes (for mums!), practised camping and pioneering skills and went rock climbing where they practised their knots and lines to safely climb rockfaces.

Scouts also took part in the County Backpack Camp where they spent the weekend camping and hiking around the Thorington/Brightlingsea area with 800 other Scouts from all over Essex, map-reading and navigating between bases and completing activities along the way. The Backpack event was our Scout Troop's first camp, and our Scouts were phenomenal at what was a very challenging event, over long distances, using all their navigation skills learnt in meetings. Very well done to them all, and to the leader team, Anthea and Kyle, who helped make it happen.



A number of our leaders continue to complete their training modules with Baloo in Cubs gaining his Archery Instructor's permit, which our Beavers, Cubs and Scouts will enjoy making much use of over the summer, using equipment available from our District.

We are currently in the latter stages of planning for our summer Mega and Epic camps for Cubs and Scouts, as well as planning next term's meeting activities, all of which are generously supported by our team of volunteers. We have a St George's Day Service planned in Henham and lots of other exciting activities to look forward to which help us in providing Scouting opportunities outdoors for our members in what we hope will be a glorious summer.

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## **1st Elsenham Guides - Looking for Volunteers!**

Spring term is in full force at Elsenham Guides, and we're delighted to be back to in person Guiding after a stint of virtual sessions. The girls have been having great fun this term thinking about their aspirations for the future, learning about brilliant role models, and celebrating International Women's Day and we're excited for what next term has to bring.

We are currently looking for some willing volunteers to help look after the unit whilst our current leaders go on maternity leave in the summer.

The unit has lots of lovely, dedicated girls, and a couple of young leaders who are an incredible help each week. We are keen to keep the unit running so the girls can benefit from a wonderful space where they meet like minded girls, go on adventures, learn new skills, make new friends and most importantly have fun!



If you are able to support our wonderful unit and volunteer any of your time over the coming months, we'd love to hear from you, so please do drop us an email. We can't wait to hear from you, and tell you more about our incredible unit!

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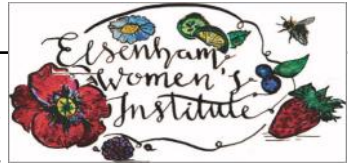
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# ELSENHAM WOMEN'S INSTITUTE

By Moyra Jackson ☎ 647351



After April showers, high winds, a dusting of snow and some beautiful sunshine, let's hope May brings warmer, more settled weather. Despite the weather, nature as always surprises us with a beautiful show of colour throughout the village and surrounding green areas.

We held a joint Coffee, Cake and Chat event for St Clare Hospice with the Village Café. We had a wonderful turnout and raised a tremendous £468. Thanks to all who donated cakes and raffle prizes and most of all to everyone who came along on the day.

We had an excellent meeting last month when Amy and Elena from Floral Desire, Bishop's Stortford came along and had us all making a modern arrangement with alliums, roses and a fabulous selection of greenery. The Hall has never looked so beautiful! We will be asking Amy and Elena back to do a festive workshop with us so watch this space.

Our May Meeting is our Annual Meeting. This is our chance to reflect on the past year and look at our plans for the year to come. Nominations for the Committee are all in and from those we form the new Committee for the coming year, and from the new Committee the members decide the role of president. Caryl Benner is stepping down from the Committee and looking forward to enjoying meetings without making the tea or all the other numerous tasks she has undertaken over the years. Thank you Caryl, for all your hard work on the Committee.



This month we also have a Ladies Who Lunch coming up, Bookworms are meeting and our delayed New Year Dinner is at Hunters Meet. The Cinema Club is very active so watch our Social Media for details of dates.

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.*  
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## ELSENHAM BOWLS AND SOCIAL CLUB

By Therese Clear ☎ 816535 ✉ ebc@tavasar.net



**This is a shout out to all young people who are 9 years old and over**

Elsenham Bowls Club would like to start a club for you to learn how to bowl outdoors and have some fun too. Starting in May, the club would run every Friday from 4 – 5. No equipment is needed just flat shoes. Experienced coaches will be available, and we will provide refreshments.

If you are interested, then get in touch with Sue Waite ☎ 07956899326, [suewaite2003@yahoo.co.uk](mailto:suewaite2003@yahoo.co.uk) or Trevor Hackett ☎ 07445 437437

Hope to hear from you soon – don't forget to tell your friends

The bowls club is now open for the new season of bowling and the games have begun. You can find a full list of all our fixtures on the bowls club website. If you are interested in joining us as either a bowler or a social member then details are on the website.

Our Open Day this year is on Sunday, 29<sup>th</sup> May – come along and have a go – you might like it.



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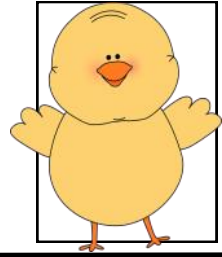
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There is now no need to pre-book and entry is only £5 each, but please be aware we have no credit card facility.



At the moment we are open on Thursdays and Fridays 9am to 3pm and Saturdays from 10am to 4pm, but please do check our Facebook page for any updates.

If you have a child's birthday coming up, why not have your party with us at the farm? Also, if you arrange school trips, come and have a chat with us, we love having the school children here and they love coming here for an informative and fun day out.

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

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## Thought For The Month

It would be terrible to live in a country where there is no rule of law; where everyone does as they see fit, and where there is no-one to speak up for the disadvantaged; no challenge to the might of the strong. Not many of us would have liked to live in the 'wild west' of America before the sheriff came to town. Most would agree that we need rules to govern us, but even so we are still prone to complain if we are thwarted by a certain law or caught speeding, etc.

Our most famous court of justice at the Old Bailey has at its tallest point the 'Lady of Justice' who holds both a sword and a pair of scales. The scales point to the weighing of the evidence from both sides of the argument and the sword represents the swift implementation of the sentence .

We value trial by jury for the more serious cases and accept the verdict of the magistrate in more mundane cases. But in either situation we are 'tried' by our peers, albeit some are more knowledgeable of the law than others. If the accused pleads 'not guilty' then we have to weigh the evidence and form judgements on the truthfulness of the witnesses, and only then can we come to an opinion on guilt. But whichever way the verdict lies, we can't rule out the possibility of a miscarriage of justice. The innocent might still be convicted, and the guilty might still walk free. And occasionally the sentence itself will be appealed. In the end, our best efforts at delivering justice are always going to be imperfect, because we are not perfect.

With God though, his judgements are always right. Not one of us would want our neighbours or our nearest and dearest to know everything that we had said and done, and we certainly would not want them to be able to read all of our thoughts. But God sees it all. Nothing escapes him. And unlike us, '*God lives in unapproachable light*'.

While we are grubby, he is only pure and right and good. No-one can come into his presence and survive. In *Hosea 10 v8* we read that people will say to the '*mountains cover us and to the hills fall on us*' for the prospect of meeting a holy God when we are unforgiven is a terrible one. God does not judge us by weighing our good deeds against our bad deeds as we might hope – he judges against an absolute standard. And all of us are woefully short of that. It is precisely because God is perfect, that he can't mix with people who are tainted by sin. Our eternal destiny is to be separated from a loving, good and holy God.

But you might ask 'why can't God just forgive my sin', after all he is all love? As in our world all wrongdoing must be dealt with, so God also must punish all sin. However, in His love for us God sent his son Jesus to rescue us from God's terrible judgement. Jesus led a perfect and sinless life here on earth. By dying on the cross and taking all our sin upon his shoulders, Jesus took the full weight of God's punishment that should have fallen on us. Justice has been done, because our sin has now been punished.

And in his love, Jesus has given to us all his righteous deeds, so that God the Father now looks on us and sees people who have lived the selfless and obedient life that Jesus lived. And all we have to do, is to accept this swap – our sins, for Jesus' righteous deeds. This is God's free offer to us all, to accept Jesus as our Saviour and Lord as we remembered last month at Easter.

I pray that our hearts, minds and eyes will be opened to see God and acknowledge Him as our loving and holy Saviour. That way we need have no fear of the sword of justice; and we can be assured of God's welcome at the end of time.

**Richard Peake Churchwarden.**



# CHURCH EVENTS IN OUR VILLAGES MAY 2022

## Church Services

### St Mary's, Elsenham 8.45am

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

### St Peter's, Ugley 10.00am

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

### Elsenham Village Hall 10.15am

Sun 1	Baptism
Sun 8	Baptism
Sun 15	Morning Service
Sun 22	Morning Service
Sun 29	Morning Service

### St Mary's, Henham 11.15am

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

### St Mary's, Henham 6.00pm

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

## Other regular events

### SUNDAYS

#### St Peter's Junior Church

#### St. Peter's Church

10.00am Sundays: 1<sup>st</sup>, 8<sup>th</sup>, 15<sup>th</sup> & 22<sup>nd</sup>

#### Elsenham Sunday Club/Explorers

#### (Y1-Y5) Old Frank's, Elsenham

10.15am Sundays: 1<sup>st</sup>, 8<sup>th</sup>, 15<sup>th</sup> & 22<sup>nd</sup>

#### Henham Sunday Club/Explorers

#### (Reception-Y5) Church Hall, Henham

11.00am Sundays: 1<sup>st</sup>, 8<sup>th</sup>, 15<sup>th</sup> & 22<sup>nd</sup>

#### Pathfinders (Y6-Y9)

**St Mary's, Henham 6.00pm - leave from service to meet in OSCA**

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

#### Crammin' (Y10-Y13)

**St Mary's, Henham 6.00pm followed by 6.45pm at the Church Hall,**

**Henham 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

#### Church Hall, Henham 9.30am

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

#### Benefice Prayer Supper

#### Church Hall, Henham 7.30pm

Mondays (4<sup>th</sup> of each month)

#### Seekers After School Bible Club

#### (Y3-Y4) Old Franks, 3.15pm

Mondays: 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

#### Church Hall, Henham 10.15am

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> of month): 13<sup>th</sup> & 27<sup>th</sup>

#### Afternoon Tea

#### OSCA, Henham 2.00pm

Saturday (3<sup>rd</sup> of month): 21<sup>st</sup>



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# NATURAL OUTLOOK

By Heather Salvidge 🏡 814153

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Last May was one of the most dismal that I have recorded in my nature notes; normally the temperature fluctuates between frosts and days around 30C. Last year it did the frosts but scarcely did the latter. And it rained, icy rain and blew with its wind. There were just one or two 'proper May days' but this did not stop the spring unrolling, just slowed it down. This year it might even be early.

By now, hawthorns, be they sole, tall shrubs or hedges, are close to being in full, bright green leaf and other trees, be they spindle, hazel, beech or field maple, are well away. Whether it's oak or ash next depends on "whether we're in for a splash' or, if ash first, 'were in for a soak'. The crab apples on De Mandeville Green are in flower as are sloe bushes in the field hedges with their white blossom and on warm days later in the month you can smell the scent of hawthorn blossom. In The Spinney the big cherries are looking their best. The canopy in woodland areas is noticeably closing over, shading out the bluebells and white anemones.

Bird activity intensifies; sparrows, starlings, finches, tits, wood pigeons, collared doves, aquatics and raptors continue to nest build and lay eggs. Some eggs have hatched, look out for discarded eggshells; Fairly small ones mid-blue with dark spots are from song thrushes and paler blue ones with beige scribbles from blackbirds, starlings' are a bit larger and white and, since they nest round here, sparrowhawks' might turn up. Theirs are rather larger than blackbirds' or thrushes', have a white main ground colour with rich, reddish brown markings and sometimes some purple blotches. Mallards' eggs are about the size of a domestic ducks and are plain but with a range of pale shades from white, buff or a pale greenish white. Then the adults feed their nestlings; blackbirds and others probe the softened turf for worms or grubs. Others peck insects or caterpillars from plants or trees and sparrowhawks hunt for prey, usually small birds to start with. That's why they are more often seen, not just in gardens but swooping low around the village.

I get fun out of watching starling families when the young are just out of the nest; adults are in their shiny, speckled plumage but the juveniles have dull brown feathers and rather oversized feet. They chase after their parents, squawking for food and being fed by a harassed mum or dad. Next stage is when they go round feeding themselves, even taking food from 'the cafe' and eventually racing their parents to get at it first. Sparrows can behave in much the same way. Last year one family was born with splotches of white in their feathers so were easy to identify. Gradually we saw less of them, either because they had been easy prey or because their plumage became more adult. As I write, the house martins appear to be taking interest in last year's nest over the Fish Bar. We wait and see.

Not much space to write about other 'goings on' but keep your eyes out for the roadside verges which about now come into bloom with mainly white flowers.

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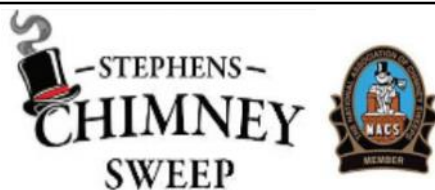
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# Welcome to Elsenham Village Fete 2022!

**Saturday 18<sup>th</sup> June 1-4pm.**

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I cannot believe that we are only weeks away from the fete and we have so many brilliant activities and attractions lined up and, as usual, we are trying so hard to ensure there is something for everyone.

We are on the lookout for anything quirky, fun or interesting – does this sound like you? If so, get in touch NOW!

There will be lots of stalls selling homemade goods including gifts for both inside the home and for the garden, candles, bags and scrummy edible gifts too – so make sure you treat yourself! There will also be vintage clothing, homemade novelty jewellery, children’s books, Lego parts and sets, trampoline and tennis displays, the list is HUGE!

We are certainly not neglecting the food this year either and we will have our old favourite, the barbeque that pleases everyone, Jo with her Vegan Street food and the Greek Street Water Café with their scrummy Mediterranean food and with lots of different drinks available, ice creams and donuts, there will be something to suit everyone.



*Do you or someone you know have a fabulous or quirky vehicle? Then we would love you to bring it and show it off on the day.*



If you would like to get involved on the day or have something to say, then please do get in touch and help us make this a fete to remember.

You can contact us on ☎07962 586825 ✉[elaine.terry2011@btinternet.com](mailto:elaine.terry2011@btinternet.com) or Allan Hathaway ☎07811 386027 ✉[allanhathaway@sky.com](mailto:allanhathaway@sky.com)

We want to hear from you. Thank you so much.

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*By Allan Hathaway Chairman ECA ☎ 813385*



As you may be aware the Elsenham Village fete is on 18 June 2022 on the Playing field, off Leigh Drive CM22 6BY. One of the most expensive items for the day is the marquee we hire from a company in Elsenham. This year, the new owners of Golf World Stansted, Hall Road, Elsenham CM22 6FL ☐ 812865 are providing us with the funds to hire the marquee. Thank you to them for their support.

We would also like to thank them for a generous donation to the ECA to benefit local groups in Elsenham, this money we will put toward our refurbishment plans for the hall toilets and hopefully in the future a public toilet outside the hall for all to use 24/7.

Thank you  
Allan Hathaway



**ST MARY'S FABRIC FUND ELSENHAM**

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*By David Hill ☎ 812397*



I am afraid that this article will be very short indeed. Unfortunately we had to postpone our

AGM, owing to several members being afflicted with Covid, and as a result we have not been able to confirm our programme of activities. As soon as we know the re-arranged date of our AGM we will post it on social media, and hopefully have a programme of events in time for the next issue of "Elsenham News".

Please bear with us!

**Elsenham Village Cafe**

*Sue Waite*

On the 15 th March, Elsenham Village Cafe and the WI held a joint coffee morning to raise money for St Clare's Hospice. I am happy to tell you that we raised a whopping £468. I would like to say a big thank you to Cliffords and the Post Office for their generous donations of raffle prizes.

A big thank you also for everyone else who donated raffle prizes, baked cakes and gave up their time on the day, for setting up and tidying up and spending lots of money. A special thank you goes to Ian who won the pot of gold and then donated it all back to us.

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By *Tricia Moxey, Trustee*



Public and private gardens provide opportunities for pleasurable exercise and social interaction. Our local sunny climate and fertile soils have encouraged those with green fingers to hone their design and horticultural skills to create some outstanding flower-rich gardens for their own delight. Some, like Bridge End Garden in Saffron Walden (*right*), are free but entry charges do apply at others.



Many delightful gardens are listed in the current National Garden Scheme handbook and website, [www.ngs.org.uk](http://www.ngs.org.uk) This is a major showcase for owners who are willing to share their gardens with others; last year £3 million was donated by visitors to help nursing and health charities. Some gardens have limited opening days, others more frequent opportunities to appreciate seasonal changes; some offer opportunities for booked group visits.

Some gardens open early to showcase spring flowers but as spring gives way to summer, more are opened to show off the variety of brightly-coloured blooms and intense floral fragrances, especially from roses. Enthusiastic and knowledgeable owners may specialise in growing cottage garden flowers, others in designing hidden features or ponds and all are willing to share their passions with visitors.



With so many varied gardens to visit it is a challenge to decide which one should top your list! I would recommend including Easton Lodge, (*left*) where Harold Peto's Italian garden is always colourful and recent restoration works to the balustrade have enhanced this area.

Throughout the summer at Henry Moore Studios & Gardens at Perry Green (*right*), many of Moore's sculptures are displayed in a garden setting and an exhibition focuses on his work in the Sixties.



The What's On listing on the Hundred Parishes website includes dates for individual open gardens and also where a village has organised a group of open gardens, sometimes with added attractions like cream teas. Enjoy!

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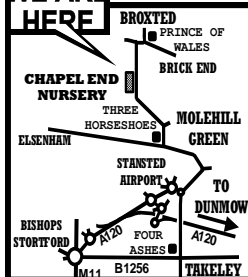
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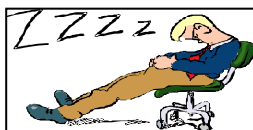


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### ***Ray reflects with Lynda Bowcock – Elsenham Vale Estate***

It started with my son saying “Mum fancy a trip up the M11?” He and his wife had seen some new build in Elsenham. So off we went to fall in love with the village and the Elsenham Vale Estate. We were back three weeks later and while they signed papers a Sales Rep asked: “Would you be interested in buying a house?” Two months later I moved into my lovely home just along the road from my son, the best thing I’ve ever done. My son moved in April, meeting and making friends with neighbours and I was introduced to both Lynda and Sue. We go to the W.I. which I have joined and enjoy. Sue started running the Village café so Lynda and myself soon found ourselves serving teas, coffees and making biscuits and cakes. The best things were making new friends and being included within the Village Community life. I have even become a bowler at The Elsenham Bowls and Social Club and enjoy the events they hold within the social club; I had a go at playing Crib too but then COVID arrived.....

And life became very different, no café, no bowls, no Social Club but that did not stop the people from helping one another with shopping, collecting prescriptions etc. Elsenham Vale residents were helping each other, on their Facebook page there is always someone offering help. Throughout the COVID-19 Pandemic I’ve become a walker and explored many of the footpaths and bridleways around the area and found all the great countryside. Don’t ever say Essex does not have lovely views. I’ve also found great places to stop and have a cup of coffee or lunch, it’s sadly only “take-away” at the moment.

Yes, life in Elsenham is great.

I am so pleased to have made the move. I have a lovely house and made more friend than I had in Waltham Abbey in my previous home. And I lived there 14 years. I am so looking forward to getting back out and about and socially meeting with people again.



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Pat Powell put on a wonderful display of her card-making group and gave a short presentation on the different types of greetings cards it is possible to make. Judging by her infectious enthusiasm for what they do, Pat's group must have a thoroughly enjoyable time when they meet.

The Garden Group were most disappointed when at the last minute, thunder, lightning and torrential rain prevented them from visiting the gardens of Easton Lodge to see this year's display of snowdrops. The gates were closed to all visitors as the ground underfoot became dangerous and slippery to navigate. French Group 1 who meet on Zoom had more luck when they visited Yeomans for a coffee and planning meeting and also enjoyed a lovely sunny morning in the garden. French Group 2 meet twice a month in each other's homes or at the Dog and Duck (that could have more appeal to some!) and they are always looking for new members.

The next u3a meeting will take place at 2pm on Thursday 19<sup>th</sup> May, at St John's Hall, Stansted. Restrictions on parking in St John's Road will be lifted for the period of the meeting. If you are not yet a member but would be interested in joining one of the many groups, please come to one of our meetings, introduce yourself and we will be very happy to talk with you. Please also look at our website – [www.u3asites.org.uk/stansted](http://www.u3asites.org.uk/stansted)

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By Petra Studholme ☎814667



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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.

## Sunday afternoon 2pm – 4pm

Fun times, doubles play for our members is going strong, another reason to join the club.

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## Mixed and Men's teams entered into the ESC Summer 2022 League

Our men's team has been promoted to the highest division, our mixed is starting out this summer so division 3. Good luck teams and have fun!

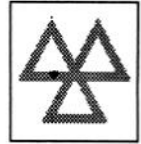
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## Over 20,000 people fell victim to remote access scams

**More than £50 million was lost last year to scams where victims are tricked into handing over control of their computer or smartphone to criminals.**

New data from Action Fraud, [the national reporting centre for fraud and cyber-crime](#), reveals that **20,144** people fell victim to scams where they were persuaded to grant criminals remote access to their device.

Victims reported losing a total of **£57,790,384** – an average loss of **£2,868** per victim.

### What are remote access scams

Remote Access scams will often begin with a browser pop-up saying that your computer is infected with a virus, or maybe a call from someone claiming to be from your bank saying that they need to connect to your computer in order to cancel a fraudulent transaction on your account. Regardless of the narrative the fraudsters use, their goal is to steal your money or access your financial information by tricking you into allowing them to remotely connect to your computer.

**DCI Craig Mullish, from the City of London Police, said:**

"While remote access tools are safe when used legitimately, we want the public to be aware that they can be misused by criminals to perpetrate fraud. We often see criminals posing as legitimate businesses in order to trick people into handing over control of their computer or smartphone.

"You should only install software or grant remote access to your computer if you're asked by someone you know and trust, such as a friend or family member, and never as a result of an unsolicited call, browser pop-up or text message."

### How to protect yourself

**Only install software or grant remote access to your computer if you're asked by someone you know and trust, such as a friend or family member, and never as a result of an unsolicited call, browser pop up, or text message.**

Remember, a bank or service provider will never contact you out of the blue requesting remote access to your device.

If you believe your laptop, PC, tablet or phone has been infected with a virus or some other type of malware, follow the NCSC's guidance on [recovering an infected device](#).

Protect your money by contacting your bank immediately on a different device from the one the scammer contacted you on.

Report it to Action Fraud on 0300 123 2040 or via [actionfraud.police.uk](https://www.actionfraud.police.uk).

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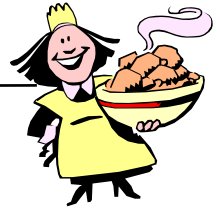
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# COOKERY CORNER

By Sue Johnson ☎ 812704



When doing a roast for a big celebration, the trimmings that go with it should feel special too. You don't need to put in too much extra effort, though, as this recipe proves. Your vegetarian guests will love it as well.

## CHEESY GREEN VEGETABLE GRATIN (serves 6-8)

1 small cauliflower – 1lb (450g) broken into florets, leaves reserved  
7oz (200g) purple sprouting broccoli  
7oz (200g) spinach  
3oz (70g) unsalted butter  
3oz (70g) plain flour  
1½ pints (900ml) milk  
2 teaspoons English mustard  
5oz (150g) mature cheddar  
½ bunch chives, finely chopped

Bring a pan of lightly salted water to the boil and cook the cauliflower florets for 3 minutes. Add the broccoli and cook for 2 minutes more. Drain in a colander and leave to steam dry.

Tip the spinach into a large colander over a large saucepan of boiling water, cook for 3-4 minutes until wilted, then tip into a sieve and press the excess moisture out of it with the back of a wooden spoon. Set aside.

Heat the oven to 220°C/200°C fan/gas mark 7. Melt the butter in a saucepan over a low heat until foaming then stir in the flour to create a thick paste. Cook for 2 minutes, remove the pan from the heat and whisk in the milk in several additions until lump-free. Return to the heat and whisk until thickened. Whisk in the mustard, most of the cheese and the chives. Season to taste.

Arrange the vegetables, including the cauliflower leaves, in a medium ovenproof dish. Pour over the sauce, then sprinkle with the remaining cheese. Bake for 25-30 minutes or until golden and bubbling.

**CHEF'S RECOMMENDATIONS:** Use the vegetable cooking water instead of some of the milk to make up the sauce. For a crisp topping, mix 1oz (25g) soft white breadcrumbs with about 2oz (50g) cheese and scatter over the vegetables.

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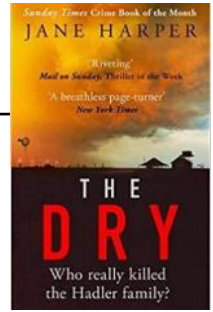
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# THE DRY

By JANE HARPER

Reviewed by Marion Giles for Elsenham Book Group

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## 'WHO REALLY KILLED THE HADLER FAMILY?'

*Amid the worst drought to ravage Australia in a century, it hasn't rained in small country town Kiewarra for two years. Tensions in the community become unbearable when three members of the Hadler family are brutally murdered. Everyone thinks Luke Hadler, who committed suicide after slaughtering his wife and six-year-old son, is guilty.*

*Policeman Aaron Falk returns to the town of his youth for the funeral of his childhood best friend and is unwillingly drawn into the investigation. As questions mount and suspicion spreads through the town, Falk is forced to confront the community that rejected him twenty years earlier. Because Falk and Luke Hadler shared a secret, one which Luke's death threatens to unearth. And as Falk probes deeper into the killings, secrets from his past and why he left home bubble to the surface as he questions the truth of his friend's crime. ...' So says the blurb on the back of the book.*

## 'Spellbinding' – Ian Rankin

The Dry was the choice of the book group this month. At 366 pages it is quite a substantial read but a page turner so doesn't feel like a long read.

This was enjoyed and liked by all — some of us have read the second Aaron Falk novel and her other books too. A recent film is available on Sky TV.

It is a debut novel but is written with an assured confidence. The book is well paced, the characters are fully formed and the descriptions of the environment are very evocative and credible. The tension is high and exciting.

It is a whodunnit but with a very personal angle as Aaron and Luke grew up in this small town. Aaron left town as a teenager with his father and moved to Melbourne, where he joined the police force as a financial crime investigator. Luke stayed behind, married, became a farmer and joined the rest of the farming community—a community that depends on water for its livestock and livelihoods. People are angry, worried and desperate. In the midst of all this, Luke appears to have shot his wife and child and committed suicide. Most people are horrified but believe, given his worries, a man could be driven to such acts. However, not all believe this so, if not him then who and why.

Aaron stays to investigate the murder because he is asked to by Luke's parents. Aaron is not liked nor welcomed by most in the town due to a long grievance held against Aaron. However, this is a chance to also right that wrong and learn more about Aaron and his relationship with his father, Luke, Gretchen and unearth other secrets... like the one about Ellie's death.

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## About our Farm Shop

We stock a vast array of produce.

Fresh fruit and vegetables sourced from New Spitalfields Market, local meats and poultry from Priors Hall, bread and cakes from The Brown Bread Co. & beers and spirits from local microbreweries & distilleries. Foods and drinks from around the world & a large gluten free range and many vegan items.



Open Monday to Saturday 9.00 to 17.00 (CLOSED TUESDAYS), Sundays 9.00 to 16.00, Pig Sty Tearoom open 9.00 to 15.30



## Pig Sty Tearoom

All Day Breakfasts & Lunch with both Full Size "Pig Sty" meals as well as smaller "Piglet" size servings and for the youngest among us a "Baby Piglet" menu.

Sunday Lunches with 2 meat choices and a veggie choice every week, including homemade desserts.

Our Afternoon and Cream Teas are fast becoming legendary, freshly made Sandwiches, Scones & both Home Made Cakes and Belgian Patisserie.



If you would like to order from us or book a table, please call us on 01279 248 201 or email [orders@cliffords.info](mailto:orders@cliffords.info)