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Elsenham Village Regular Monthly or Quarterly Activities

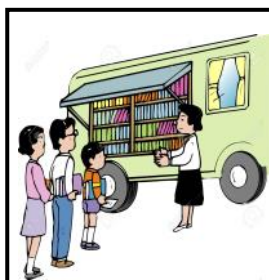
Parish Council 1st **Monday** of month 8pm (excl. Bank Holidays) Memorial Hall
Natter Night 2nd **Tuesday** of month 7.30pm Bowls & Social Club
Village Café Coffee 1st & 3rd **Tuesday** 9.30 - 11.30am Memorial Hall
2nd & 4th **Tuesday** 9.30 - 11.30am Bowls & Social Club
Village Café Community Hub 3rd Tuesday 12—4pm Memorial Hall
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
Church Lunch Club 2nd & 4th **Friday** of month 12.30pm Memorial Hall

May 2023 diary

Tues 2 & 16	Village Café Coffee Morning	Memorial Hall 9.30 - 11.30am
Tues 2	Henham & District Garden Soc	Outing
Tues 2 & 16	Elsenham Community Choir	Village Hall 7pm
Thursday 4	District Council Election	Memorial Hall 7am - 10pm
Tues 9 and 23	Village Café Coffee Morning	Bowls and Social Club 9.30am - 11.30am
Tues 9	Natter Night	Bowls & Social Club 7.30pm
Tues 9	Life Drawing	Village Hall 7.30pm
Thurs 11	Elsenham Community Assoc	Meeting Memorial Hall 7.45pm
Thurs 11	Comedy Night	Stansted Golf World From 5.30pm
Fri 12 & 26	Church Lunch Club	Memorial Hall 12.30pm
Mon 15	Annual Parish Council Meeting	Memorial Hall 8pm
Tues 16	Village Café Community Hub	Memorial Hall 12-4pm
Thurs 18	Elsenham WI	Memorial Hall 7.45pm
Sat 20	Elsenham Flower Show Society	Plant Sale (See pg7)
Sat 20	Bingo	Bowls & Social Club 7.30pm
Sun 28	Bowls Open Day	Bowls & Social Club 10am to 4pm

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
	7-7.45pm	Boxercise	Village Hall
	7.30-8.30pm	Shape to the beat	Memorial Hall (not 1st Monday)
Tuesday	9.30-10.30pm	Touchpoint Food Share	Bowls & Social Club
	4.45-5.45pm	Rainbows	Memorial Hall (term-time)
	4.45-5.45pm	Beavers Group 2	Henham Village Hall (term-time)
	6-7.15pm	Cubs	Henham Village Hall (term-time)
	6-7.30pm	Brownies	Memorial Hall (term-time)
	7.30-10.30pm	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	Henham Village Hall (term-time)
	7-9pm	Scouts	Henham Village Hall (term-time)
Thursday	6-7.15pm	Cubs	Henham Village Hall (term-time)
	6.45 - 7.45pm	Jump Fit	Elsenham Village Hall
Friday	10-11am	Little Fishes	Memorial 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)



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THE NEWS REPORT

From The Editors



We at Elsenham News see it as our role to bring you as much information as we can on what is happening locally and news on events and local facilities. What you do with that information is entirely up to you.

With local elections looming, you may want to read page 11 in detail and decide on what type of future environment you want before you decide which party gets your vote.

But also within this publication you will find details on everything from the village fete to Daisy May's to the History Society. There is something for everyone. Again, what you want to take advantage of is your choice.

It is disappointing therefore when you read some of the items in the report from the Parish Council. Is our local health provision going to be affected? Or will things improve? You could get involved and have your say, again it is your choice.

Whatever you do, as we approach summer we at Elsenham News hope you continue to enjoy receiving your monthly update and use it to decide how to best enjoy your life here in the village.

The King's Coronation and the village fete are just two things to look forward to in the coming weeks. We know that there will be plenty of clubs and societies covered in this publication who will ensure you have plenty of other enjoyable things to do this summer.

We hope you enjoy this issue.

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ELSENHAM FLOWER SHOW SOCIETY

By Sue Johnson ☎ 812704



We will be shortly be making arrangements for our annual Plant Sale. A full list of plants and prices will be made available on our Facebook page (or can be sent by e-mail upon request) at the beginning of May.

Ordering will start at the beginning of May, on a first come/first served basis, since there will be limited stock of some plants. As with previous years, once we receive a message from you, we will respond to discuss your plant requirements. The orders will then be made ready for collection on Saturday May 20. 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.

At the time of writing, we are busy growing the usual selection of peppers, tomatoes, chilli, cucumbers, etc. plus summer bedding plants, as well as some hardy and house plants, not forgetting the rhubarb.

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Due to the government reducing the amount of dispensary fees at GP surgeries, the Elsenham Surgery has found itself in financial difficulties. A merger with Stansted Surgery is still being considered. At this stage of the procedure, it is looking like Elsenham Surgery will remain open, but with limited opening times.

All assistance dogs and guide dogs are allowed on the Elsenham playing field and they do not have to be kept on their leads.

The bench dedicated to the late Peter Clear, Chairman of the Playing Field Committee, has now been installed in the children's play area.

The pond at Tye Green, which belongs to the Parish Council, has flooded again. The pond had already flooded early in the year. Arrangements have been made for the pond to be drained again. The Parish Council will investigate a long-term solution.

The flowerbed committee are looking at potential areas to place more flowerbeds, hanging baskets and bulbs. Watering of the plants is a big consideration when looking at potential areas.

The 7 and 7A buses have gone out to tender based on the same timetable.

Potholes in the area are a big problem. Essex Highways have started to address some of the potholes in the area but have stated there is no quick solution. To add to the problem many of the drains by the side of the roads have deep ruts around them, which could result in the drain covers becoming loose and breaking. Essex Highways have said many of the potholes are caused by the utility companies when they dig up the roads and do not resurface them properly. The Government is looking into making the companies more responsible.

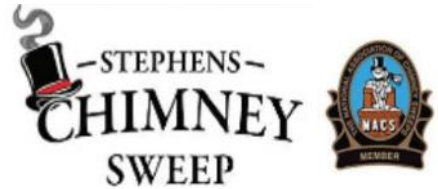
Due to two bank holidays at the beginning of May the next Parish Council meeting is on May 15 at 8.00pm in the Memorial Hall.



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DEVELOPMENT DEVELOPMENTS

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



'With this application it is the cumulative element that is the key issue. Developments in Elsenham have come forward piece meal over the years each one adding more to the network. While there has been some mitigation which has reduced the severity of the impact of individual developments on this junction this is not the case with this application.'

My opening quote refers to Grove Hill, and it comes, not from a concerned individual, nor from a parish council, nor even from the District Council, but, remarkably enough, from Essex Highways, in opposing the application by Countryside Partnerships to build 130 homes in the field opposite the Crown. As ever, computer modelling has been provided by the applicants to show that there is no real problem, but Highways have rubbished it fairly comprehensively, as also has the transport consultant engaged by Elsenham Parish Council. Highways have also recommended refusal of Bloor's application to tack another 200 homes towards the station onto their existing development, as if the 350 they're building already isn't enough. Both applications were submitted directly to the Planning Inspectorate under the S62A provisions currently applied to Uttlesford, and both seem to be stalled, possibly while the developers make increasingly frenzied attempts to convince the Inspectors.

It would be a mistake to get too excited by Highways at last managing to get to grips with reality. We have been here before. They opposed the outline application for 99 homes split between off Isabel Drive and off Stansted Road, and then capitulated at the last moment when a second 'detector' was offered at the top of Grove Hill, which, allegedly, would ease the queue (how this would avoid longer queues in Lower Street back as far as the mini-roundabout was never explained). Dandara have now, after several attempts, been given detailed approval for this application through a near-unanimous decision by Uttlesford District Council's Planning Committee at their April meeting. It is not known which of the two sites will be built first. It is a condition that the houses off Isabel Drive cannot be occupied until the public footpath alongside Alsa Wood is improved.

Dandara struggled for some months with the tricky question of showing that they could somehow cope with noise from the motorway. Motorway noise was the only issue of substance at the Appeal Inquiry on 21 March into the refusal by UDC of the application for 50 homes to the south of Bedwell Road. As noted earlier, UDC mysteriously decided not to contest the Appeal. It was opposed by a determined parish councillor who made up for the lack of numbers by a lengthy address on exactly why the noise from this application would be no different from the noise from the Gladman application on the other side of Bedwell Road, and therefore the approach adopted by that Inspector in refusing the application should be followed. Whether these arguments will be accepted remains to be seen. If not, and the Appeal is allowed, there should be the consolation prize of £100,000 for the new Community Hall - although some of the conditions attached are unintelligible.

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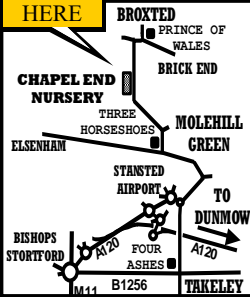
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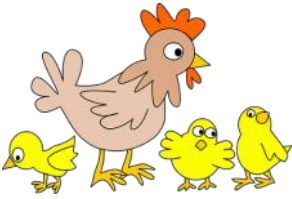


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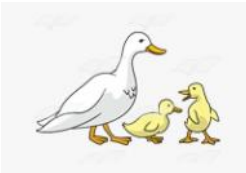
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We have been incredibly busy with the lambing and there are so many cute lambs everywhere and you can come and cuddle them at various times throughout the day, so do check our Facebook page for times.

These lambs might look like butter wouldn't melt in their mouths, but trust me, come lights out, it's like a scene from Shaun the Sheep.....absolutely hilarious!!

We also have lots and lots of chicks and ducklings and there are plenty of opportunities to give them a gentle hold and get to know them better.

If your child wants a party to remember, then why not book one with us?! We can offer a truly individual occasion that they can enjoy with their friends and all our lovely animals! Get in touch to find out more.



There is no need to pre-book and entry is only £5 each, but please be aware we have no credit card facilities. Most importantly, **WEAR WELLIES** if it's wet!

Always keep an eye on our Facebook page for animal updates and other important information.

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

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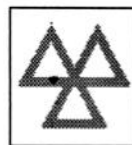
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However, around the same time you will receive a text message from WhatsApp with a six-digit code. This is because the criminal has been trying to login to WhatsApp using your mobile number. The criminal will claim that they sent you their code by accident and ask you to help them by sending it to them. Once the criminal has this code, they can login to your WhatsApp account and lock you out.

The criminal will then use the same tactic with your WhatsApp contacts in an effort to steal more accounts and use them to perpetrate fraud.

What you need to do:

- ☐ **Set up two-step verification to give an extra layer of protection to your account: Tap Settings > Account > Two-step verification > Enable.**
- ☐ **THINK. CALL. If a family member or friend makes an unusual request on WhatsApp, always call the person to confirm their identity.**
- ☐ **Never share your account's activation code (that's the 6-digit code you receive via SMS).**
- ☐ **You can report spam messages or block a sender within WhatsApp. Press and hold on the message bubble, select 'Report' and then follow the instructions.**

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Elsenham Community Speed Watch

By Frances Lambert

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Elsenham Community Speed Watch Team

Now that Spring and Summer are coming, and the weather is warmer and drier, this is a good opportunity for Elsenham residents to help with road safety in our village, and in doing so, reduce any road collisions and injuries to drivers and to any pedestrians that may get caught up in an accident.

Our village is becoming a race track.

Talk is not enough – Your action is required.

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Passing through Elsenham Station on April 1st, I'm sorry to say that I was caught by an April's Fool joke - hook, line and sinker. I might also add that no Alex... you are not forgiven!

Later on the train, I got to thinking about the age of the station and how many people might have gone through the doors of the booking office. Of course, the present station is Elsenham's second, the first having been built on Robin Hood Road where Fullers End level crossing now sits. The Northern and Eastern Railway opened the line to traffic on 30 July 1845 and by 1849 three trains a day – two on Sunday – were calling at Elsenham. The first station was situated on the steepest part of the line and trains had difficulty starting away particularly in bad weather. It wasn't unknown for trains to roll back down the hill towards Stansted! A new station was therefore authorised to be built, the same as the first, about half a mile further north where the climb ended and the line was level. This was the highest point on the entire line, the ruling gradient being downhill from here to Cambridge and the Fens. The new station opened in 1846.

Over the next forty years extra sidings were laid at the station together with engine inspection facilities to serve the large number of coal trains being worked to London that were slowing passenger services. By 1889 six trains a day were stopping at the station and two on Sundays. This had increased to nine each way by 1905 and ten by 1923. there now being three services each way on Sunday.

My thanks to Peter Paye and "Elsenham, The First 1000 Years" published by Elsenham Parish Council for information in this article.

Of course, Elsenham might never have had a railway station or indeed the railway if earlier proposals for the Elsenham Canal had not fallen through. You didn't know about the Elsenham Canal? May I suggest that you visit our website where you can read about the "Canal That Never Was" and lots more. You can also find a more in-depth history of the railways around Elsenham.

Everyone that reads this has very probably driven past the Stansted Windmill and if you're like me wondered why it was built, when it was built and how it has managed to survive. All will be revealed at our next meeting on Wednesday 14 June 2023 when Tony Wellings will be coming along to tell the story of the mill. This will be a very interesting talk and as always, visitors will be very welcome for a small fee, just two pounds. For only five pounds however, you can become a member and enjoy four interesting evenings of talks through the year. We look forward to seeing you there.



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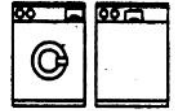
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Jo

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We have recently organised and hosted two extremely successful charity nights, which went down a storm, raising much needed funds for the charities in question.



Dan

Our Comedy Night on May 11 is proving to be so popular that it's already sold out! This is something which we will repeat in the upcoming months, especially for those of you who missed out on the opportunity to buy tickets this time round.

Our next planned event is the "Dress to Impress Summer Ball" on 23rd June. The dress code is smart, so you can release your inner diva. We'll have live music and casino style tables for fun. Included in the ticket price is a glass of prosecco upon arrival and canapes. Further food and drinks can be purchased on the evening. We'd love to see as many of you there as possible, so that we can welcome and become better acquainted with you.

Why not pop up for a tea or coffee with your friends and let us introduce ourselves? Mark, our resident chef bakes homemade cakes and cookies to die for, so why not indulge yourself? It's worth keeping an eye on the inside front cover of this magazine, as we will be including any future events and get togethers in the diary listings.



Janine

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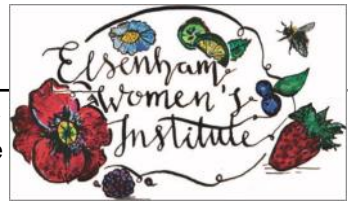
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ELSENHAM WOMEN'S INSTITUTE

By Moyra Jackson ☎ 647351



We seem to have had four seasons in one day today – started a little cold then instead of April showers we had downpours. This was followed by glorious sunshine and high winds and ended the day with nice mild temperatures. Don't you just love British weather?

Our last meeting was with the excellent Gary Matthews – one of the volunteers at Easton Lodge who told us all about the wonderful gardens there and if that was not enough, all about Daisy, Countess of Warwick who quite literally put Easton Lodge on the map. What an inspiring woman who really lived her life to the full. Gary believes that she was a member of one of the local WIs when our organisation was in its infancy, so I am now trying to find out more about this.



Our meeting this month will be our Annual Meeting when we review our past twelve months and look forward to the coming year. Two of our current committee are standing down following quite a few years of hard work supporting our members. Sandra Smith and Glynis Davis have been excellent additions to the committee, and I would like to thank them both for everything they have done. They are both looking forward to continuing their involvement as members. I will have more details next month about the new committee.

Meanwhile, I have been on a tour of Essex WIs in my role as Federation Treasurer and that has proved to be extremely interesting. It doesn't matter what part of Essex you are in or the size of the institute – the friendly welcome that awaits does not change, just like here in Elsenham.

The membership year runs from 1 April to 31 March and we have a wonderful programme of events this year. It is a really good way to meet new friends and while we are proud to be steeped in Jam and Jerusalem traditions, Elsenham WI is so much more than that and we are always happy to dispel any stereotypes associated with the WI. Why not come along (or come back) – visitors and new members are always welcome.

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

Elsenham WI – There's a lot going on!

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Thought For The Month by *Louis Wilson*

Amidst much pageantry, tradition and coverage, the coronation of King Charles III will take place on Saturday 6 May 2023. He has been preparing for this moment for much of his life. No British prince has waited longer and Charles will be the oldest monarch to be crowned in British history.

It will take place at Westminster Abbey, where all monarchs have been crowned since the coronation of William the Conqueror in 1066. The ceremony will involve two crowns, two sceptres, the coronation ring and the Sovereign's Orb. The orb is a hollow gold sphere with a cross at its top. It will be placed in the right hand of the King as a reminder that Jesus died for the sins of the whole world and that his (Jesus') kingdom covers the whole earth.

Since the coronation of William and Mary in 1689, the formalities have included the presentation of a Bible. In 1953, these were the words of presentation to Charles' mother: "Our gracious Queen: to keep your Majesty ever mindful of the law and the Gospel of God as the Rule for the whole life and government of Christian Princes, we present you with this Book, the most valuable thing that this world affords. Here is Wisdom: This is the royal Law; These are the lively Oracles of God."

When the crown is placed on Charles' head, trumpet fanfares will sound and all those present in the Abbey will respond with loud shouts. It will be a sensational event, and for many of us,

without precedent.

As we recalled a few weeks ago, on Palm Sunday 2000 years ago, there was another coronation. Jesus rode into Jerusalem on a young donkey which had been very deliberately untied. By these actions, he consciously fulfilled Old Testament oracles of kingship and the crowds acclaimed him as such. For the first time in the Gospels, Jesus did nothing to deny it. But what sort of King and what sort of Kingdom?

On 6 May, King Charles will not travel through London on a donkey, but in the magnificence of a horse-drawn gold State Coach. According to Zechariah 9, Jesus came on a donkey as the King who would proclaim peace to the nations and through his blood set prisoners free. Just a few days later, he would be lifted on a cross: the moment when the King poured out his blood, so that peace with God would be possible.

It has been said: "All through history, there have been people who died for their King, but only once did a King die for his people." King Jesus did this to bring us into his eternal Kingdom. He extends his invitation to citizens of every nation to receive the forgiveness for which he has paid and to submit to his wise and loving rule. As we sing 'God save the King,' on this Coronation Day, I pray that we would know and celebrate the King who saves.

CHURCH EVENTS IN OUR VILLAGES MAY 2023

Church Services

Sunday 7th May

10:15 All Together Family Service,
Elsenham Village Hall

18:00 Sunday@6, OSCA

Sunday 14th May

08:45 Prayer Book Communion,
Elsenham Church

10:00 Morning Service, Ugley Church

10:15 Communion Service,
Elsenham Village Hall

11:15 Morning Service,
Henham Church

18:00 Sunday@6, Henham Church

Sunday 21st May

08:45 Prayer Book Morning Prayer,
Elsenham Church

10:00 Prayer Book Communion,
Ugley Church

10:15 Morning Service,
Elsenham Village Hall

11:15 Holy Communion,
Henham Church

18:00 Sunday@6, Henham Church

Sunday 28th May

08:45 Prayer Book Morning Prayer,
Elsenham Church

10:00 Morning Service, Ugley Church

10:15 Morning Service,
Elsenham Village Hall

11:15 Morning Service, Henham

18:00 Sunday@6, Henham Church

Other Regular Events

SUNDAYS:

St Peter's Junior Church

St Peter's, Ugley 10.00am

Sundays: 14th & 21st

Elsenham Sunday Club/Explorers

(Y1-Y6) Old Frank's, Elsenham

10.15am Sundays: 14th & 21st

Henham Sunday Club/Explorers

(Reception-Y5) Church Hall, Henham

11.00am Sundays: 14th & 21st

Pathfinders (Y6-Y9)

St Mary's, Henham 6.00pm - leave

from service to meet in OSCA

Sundays: 14th & 21st

Crammin' (Y10-Y13)

St Mary's, Henham 6.00pm followed

by 7.00pm at The Church Hall,

Henham Sundays: 7th, 14th & 21st

MID-WEEK AND SATURDAY:

Start the Week with Prayer

Church Hall, Henham 9.30am

Mondays: 8th, 15th, 22nd

Seekers After School Bible Club

(Y3-Y4) Old Frank's 3.20pm

Mondays: 8th, 15th & 22nd

Christian Play (Y1-Y2)

Rowan House, Elsenham 3.15pm

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

Little Fishes Pre-School Group

Church Hall, Henham 10.15am

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

Little Fishes Pre-School Group

Elsenham Memorial Hall 10.00am

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

Church Lunch Club

Elsenham Memorial Hall 12.30pm

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

Afternoon Tea

OSCA, Henham 2.00pm

Saturday: 20th

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St Clare Hospice – Open Gardens 2023

Join us this summer season as our community kindly opens its gardens to visitors, helping fund hospice care for local people. Our perennially popular horticultural event is back for its 29th year. Open Gardens is the perfect event for green-fingered folk to enjoy. From May – August 2023 visit beautiful, hidden green spaces across West Essex as gardens are opened to visitors, helping raise vital funds for St Clare Hospice.

We have a variety of picturesque gardens for you to tour and enjoy throughout the Open Gardens season. Visit the website to find the gardens opening near you: **stclarehospice.org.uk/open-gardens**.

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NATURAL OUTLOOK

By Heather Salvidge 📞 814153



May is a busy month but not as busy as it has been usually, climate change and changes in the village account for this. I could rely on seeing brimstone butterflies, orange tips, holly blues and small tortoiseshells.

Last summer hardly any orange tips and fewer butterflies overall, especially on the buddleia bushes. Probably the very hot, dry summer spell killed off a number of plants they needed for food as adults and caterpillars. Yes there were **some** large whites, peacocks, and red admirals and, mothwise, more than usual humming bird hawk moths and elephant moths, so that was good but no small whites, speckled woods or small heaths. Honey bees, red and white tailed bumble bees and other insects also need a variety of plants to feed on and so do some of their offspring so they too felt the effects of the drought as well as the birds which feed on them so the decline was not good for them either.

All sorts of birds are very busy, whether nest building, laying eggs, brooding or feeding the chicks. The sparrow hawks flash through, be it either Sylvia (her) or Sid (him) freezing the busyness of the garden birds which only resumes when they are sure it is safe again. What I do enjoy watching are the activities of the starling families who make much use of our smaller front lawn. They nest under/in/around our gutters and those of neighbouring houses and hatching is marked by the scattering of white, medium-sized eggshells. As soon as the juniors leave the nest, adults start teaching them how to be independent. The adults are shiny and covered in speckles (little stars?) in their summer plumage but the 'teenagers' are brown and seem to have very large feet that they "plonk" as they follow a parent, squawking to be fed by the beakful. They learn how to drink and also bath in the low drinking bowl, so much splashing that I have to refill frequently. Gradually the juniors get more confident and become anxious to get to feeders first, sometimes having a squabble with other adults and young. Then they learn how to look for grubs by poking their bills into the soft lawn or flower bed and are taught how to fly. Soon you see the mixed aged flocks flying in circles overhead before heading 'off to the fields'.

I have to go elsewhere for specialized birdsong e.g. from nightingales and cuckoos. So now I go the Fingringhoe Wick, an Essex Wildlife Trust reserve by the coast where there is a good population of nightingales and frequent visits by cuckoos. You have to get there in the early morning for the nightingales as they shut down around say, 10:30am. Cuckoos are sometimes distant but if you get lucky, much closer.

The oxlips might still be about in Elsa Wood and the bluebells making a show. To keep the wood as good as it is, it helps if dogs are kept on leads and don't run loose in the undergrowth after small mammals or in the flowers as dogs' urine kills wild plants. It is up to us all to look after it. Wouldn't it be great if we got a cuckoo back in Elsenham!

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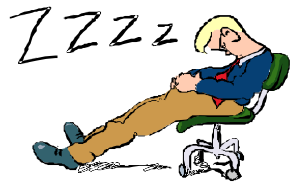
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During my many adventures with Alan Bennett, many, many years ago I must confess to fishing in the Main Hall Lake as a member of the Elsenham Angling Club and also the "Little Lake." Now to fish in the latter was definitely not good. Casting worms and the occasional maggot may possibly have added some unwanted flavours to the water! However the little lake was incredibly well stocked with lots of Rudd. The water in the Lake was used by the Firemen when they tried to extinguish the fire at Elsenham Jam Factory. But that is another story.

Ray
Franklin

ELSENHAM VILLAGE CAFÉ

BY SUE WAITE

Just a reminder that we have our coffee morning every Tuesday. The 1st and 3rd Tuesday of the month we are in the Memorial Hall and the 2nd and 4th Tuesday we are in the Bowling Club. We run from 9.30 to 11.30 and everyone is welcome. We are self-financing and just ask for a donation if you are able. We offer tea and coffee as well as toast, tea cakes, fruit loaf and crumpets with the odd cake or pastry from the food share. We are busier than ever now but there is always room for more so come and join us. I can guarantee you a very warm welcome.

After the success of our Warm Place we have decided to run a Community Hub once a month on the 3rd Tuesday of each month. We will be in the Memorial Hall and run from 12 - 4. Our first hub starts this month on the 16th of May. We will offer sandwiches, cake, tea and coffee, games, crafts, friendship and lots of laughter and chat. Or, if you just want to come along and read a book or work on a puzzle, then that's fine too (if Chris and Doug let you that is).

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I will be taking over as Treasurer from Denis Rockall. Denis has done a wonderful job over the years and will be a hard act to follow. I will be relying on his advice for some time to come. Our long-serving secretary, Elizabeth Barker has been persuaded to continue - thank you Elizabeth, it is much appreciated.

Back to the Fund's activities. We hope that you enjoyed our Coronation Afternoon Tea and are looking forward to celebrating the actual event on the 6 May. Further ahead, we are also looking at arranging another art exhibition in the church. We have done this a few times before, where we offer a showcase to local artists, and have never failed to marvel at the extent of talent that we have in the village. If you wish to be involved, either as an exhibitor or a helper, please call Elizabeth Barker ☎ 813543 or any member of the committee. We will be finalising the date shortly and will publicise the details in Elsenham News.

Thank you for all the help and support you have given the Fund over the years; this is greatly appreciated.

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Wiggle, Waddle, Toddle – sponsored walk for young children!

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A poster for a coronation celebration. At the top, there is a string of red, white, and blue bunting. Below it, the text reads "Celebrate with St Mary's Church, Honham". In the center, there is a gold crown. Below the crown, the words "CORONATION CELEBRATION" are written in large, bold, red capital letters. Underneath that, in smaller blue capital letters, it says "SHORT FAMILY SERVICE, BELLRINGING, FLOWERS, AFTERNOON TEA & CHILDREN'S ACTIVITIES". At the bottom, it specifies the time and location: "3-4:30pm Monday May 8th at St Mary's Church". On the left side, there is a small illustration of a slice of cake, and on the right side, there is a small illustration of a teapot and a teacup.

At the General Meeting on March 16th Philip Caine's talk was called "From Barrow to Baghdad and Back Again". After seven hazardous years in Iraq, Philip rounded off his career in the Gulf States. He is now the author of adventure thrillers and a prolific public speaker. When he spoke, you could have heard a pin drop. From starting as an amateur chef in Barrow-in-Furness to running nine accommodation bases for 30,300 allied personnel in post war Iraq via wheeler dealing with a self-interested KGB officer in Kazakhstan there was apparently never a dull or idle moment. His lively and humorous story telling engaged the audience from start to finish. The General Meeting on 18th May is called "Songs through the Ages". Quintus Benziger, a local musician, will present a lively exploration of songs from today back to the Middle Ages. For information on future speakers this year please see the Speaker Programme on the Talks page of our website.

March saw the formation of four new interest groups: "Antiques and Collectibles" had an initial meeting during which members brought an item of interest and each described their connection or particular interest with that object. Plans were made for future meetings which will include visits to antique centres, fairs and auction houses as well as meetings and talks on various areas of interest.

"Strictly Singles" is a group for those living alone. They met to discuss what everyone would like to do and there were many suggestions from trips to the theatre, concerts, cinema, art exhibitions, etc., to having coffee or lunch together. So far, a number of them have taken part in the St. Patrick's Day Quiz Night for the Twinning Association, and two separate groups have been to see "Allelujah", the film of Alan Bennett's hospital play.

Owing to the huge popularity of the existing pub lunch group, a second group, called "Pub Grub 2", got under way with the inaugural meeting being held at The Cock in Stansted on March 17. Nine members of the group met for a most enjoyable meal and agreed to meet once a month to explore the culinary offerings of various hostelrys in the area.

Finally, a new "Thursday Walking Group" has formed which is also proving extremely popular. Meeting once a month they walk some three to five miles, mostly across country, around the local area.

In April, the Garden Group is making a visit to the Gibberd Garden in Harlow, with a talk, lunch and a tour of the garden; something to relish as the spring gathers momentum.

Information about all our special interest groups can be found on the Group's page of our website.

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positioned to indicate the distance travelled or to be travelled. In 1767, milestones were made compulsory on all turnpikes, the toll roads managed by turnpike trusts, although many local milestones were in place before then.

There are around 40 surviving milestones within The Hundred Parishes, mostly along three highways that run between London and Cambridge. These highways are now called B1383 (formerly A11), B1368 and A10. The milestones are marked on Ordnance Survey maps as "MS".

One of the earliest and most visible milestones can be seen in Barkway, a historic coaching village. It was installed in 1728, one of 16 milestones funded at that time by a trust established in 1586 by a former master of Trinity Hall, Cambridge.



Additional milestones were added by the Wadesmill Turnpike Trust in 1742, some along the old Roman road, Ermine Street, now A10, and others along the alternative route, now mostly called B1368. Over time, the inscriptions became weather-worn and many stones were upgraded in 1804 by the addition of a cast iron plate.

Most milestones in Hertfordshire and Cambridgeshire are listed but only one in Essex is included on the National Heritage List - the large, three-sided iron milepost in the centre of Stansted Mountfitchet on the B1383. This is probably the newest in the Hundred Parishes, having been installed in the early 1900s. The earlier milestones along the old A11 would have been installed by the Hockerill Turnpike Trust which was responsible from 1744 to 1870 for 28 miles of highway between Harlow and Stump Cross.



Some of the information for this article came from The Milestone Society, established in 2001. Their website is:

www.milestonesociety.co.uk/

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



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STANSTED HALL & ELSENHAM CRICKET CLUB

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



After a very busy winter and a very wet March cricket has begun. The work party morning was very successful with numerous jobs being successfully completed.

Although founded in 1947 as Burton End Cricket Club the move was made to our Stansted House ground in 1974 – 49 years ago. To celebrate our 50th anniversary at the ground the committee have been busy attempting to raise funding to improve our pavilion facilities including scoreboard.

Outdoor nets have begun and friendly matches have been arranged. The junior section has a lot of matches arranged at all age groups in the West Essex League.

If you are looking for a friendly cricket club please contact me as below or go to our website shcc.hitscricket.com

Let's hope that the sun shines all summer as it did last year.

ELSENHAM BOWLS AND SOCIAL CLUB

By Sue Waite



Hello everyone, hope you are all well and enjoying the lovely spring weather.

To all our bowling members, it's early in the season but we hope you are enjoying your bowling so far – it takes a while to get back into the swing of things but it becomes easier the more you play. Don't forget to put your name down for our friendly matches most weekends. Our women's leagues start soon so ladies sign yourselves up for any or all of our three leagues. Friday night is club night and a good time to get some practice in – you might even get a bacon roll.

I would like to take this opportunity to welcome three new bowling members to the club, Steve, Margaret and David. Lovely to have you with us. Happy bowling everyone.

If you fancy some coaching to improve your bowling then contact Trevor Hackett. He is running coaching sessions on Friday nights, weather permitting, at 5pm.

To social members, we have bingo on May 20 and a Charity quiz on June 3.

If you haven't already renewed your subscription, then now is the time - £85 for a bowling member and £20 for our social members.

Thanks everyone and see you soon.

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Fundraising Quiz

Thank you to everyone who helped in any shape or form to make our quiz happen and everyone who attended. It was a great success with an amazing Easter cake that was auctioned off, a big raffle and of course the quiz itself and food and drink. It raised a lot of money which will help us to maintain and improve club facilities.

Match reports

Jon's men's doubles: Henham Away: We played Henham away and we had some tight games, which resulted in an 8-8 draw. Steve and Jon managed to hold their sets, but Lewis and Jim had some tight games and good play, but Henham got the better of them. An enjoyable match all the same. Harlow Home: We had a great win against Harlow at home with a convincing 16-0 win, both pairs, Steve and Jon, Stuart and Lewis played some good solid tennis to take all the points. A great team effort. Harlow Away: Harlow managed to field a strong team and unfortunately, we lost 12-4 with Stuart and Lewis, Jim and Mike trying to dig deep to win points. A great effort against a strong Harlow side. Henham Home: Another good game against Henham, this time with us coming out on top 12-4, with Steve and Jon holding their sets and Lewis and Henry only dropping 2 of theirs in some windy conditions. Another great win. This leaves us currently top of the league with 2 games to play, but with tight opposition chasing.

Petra's mixed doubles: Braughing Away: Impressive 10:6 win 🏆 for Elsenham. Sue (in her first game for the team) partnering Tom and Yuliia and Bogdan did an excellent 🏆 job in some close games but came out on top. Roydon Away: Ollie and Emily, Henry and Petra battled not only the opposition but also tricky playing conditions at Roydon. Sadly a 6:10 loss but a lot of positive play. Henry's first match for the Mixed team, well done! Bishop's Stortford away: Well-deserved 11:5 win 🏆 at Bishops Stortford for our Mixed Team, Yuliia and Bogdan, Petra and Dave had to get used to a totally different playing surface to our courts. Long, hard battles but we persevered. Three more to go for our mixed too and all the group training sessions are paying off!

Coaching – individual and group sessions

We have individual and group coaching sessions, cardio run by our dedicated and experienced coach Steve. Get in touch with him via email: stevesmith865@hotmail.com or call/text 07790 561 817. Please note that Cardio is open to non-members. Cardio is a great way to get or stay fit. Our coaches choice of music is sometimes questionable, but everyone is definitely having fun.

Hire our courts – open to non-members

Hire our courts to play with friends and family - £3 per adult, and 50p for under 18s. You can email us or message on Facebook for availability, but please, if possible, give us 24hrs notice as we need to arrange to open the courts for you.

Weekly Activities

Tuesday evening – 6.30pm cardio tennis

Tuesday evening – 7.30pm club night

Wednesday morning – 10am causal play

Thursday evening – 6.30pm group coaching (rusty racket)

Thursday evening – 7.30pm cardio tennis

Friday morning – 10am casual play

Sunday afternoon – 2pm casual play



Welcome to Elsenham Village Fete

Saturday 17 June 2023

1 - 4pm

(Put this date in your diary NOW!!!)

Fete plans are gathering pace and it is shaping up to be a real corker for this year!

We are going to have our lovely circus entertainer Jebb the Jester once more as well as a budding magician, both of whom are going to amaze and astound you! There will be lots of attractions, things to buy, things to learn, things to try and fabulous memories to be made.



We are working hard on having activities for the younger members of our community as well as the adults. We intend having lots of games and entertainment for all ages and if you have any ideas, please let us know.

Do you have a vehicle that is a bit different? Then please bring it along on the day and show it off and join in with all the quirky wheels we have lined up.



Would you like a stall at the fete? If yes, please get in touch with one of us at the bottom of the page or use the form and be part of this brilliant occasion.

We ALWAYS need help on the day, so do you think you could help and join us in making this day a real celebration?

Please contact Elaine Terry ☎ 07962 586825 ✉ elaine.terry2011@btinternet.com or Allan Hathaway ☎ 07811 386027 ✉ allanhathaway@sky.com – **we'd love to hear from you.**

Let's make this a fete to remember!!

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COOKERY CORNER

By Sue Johnson ☎ 812704



Ginger biscuits feature in the Baking Section of the Flower Show schedule this year. This recipe makes lovely squidgy gingery biscuits. If you like them really crunchy, bake them for another 20 minutes.

DOUBLE GINGER BISCUITS (makes approximately 16)

2oz (50g) butter

1 level tablespoon golden syrup

6oz (175g) self-raising flour

1 level tablespoon ground ginger

3oz (75g) stem ginger, finely chopped

1 tablespoon bicarbonate of soda

2oz (50g) demerara sugar

2oz (50g) light muscovado sugar

1 medium egg, beaten

Heat the oven to 160°C/fan 140°C/gas 3. Line two baking sheets with non-stick baking paper.

Put the butter and golden syrup into a saucepan. Heat gently, stirring until melted.

Place the flour, ground ginger, chopped ginger, bicarbonate of soda and demerara and muscovado sugars in a mixing bowl. Mix well. Stir in the melted ingredients. Add the egg and bring the mixture together to form a dough.

Divide into about 16 equal pieces (a dessert spoonful each) and roll with your hands into small balls. Place on the baking sheets and slightly flatten to about ½ inch (1cm) thick. Bake for about 25 minutes, until golden and firm around the edges.

Leave to firm up on the baking sheets for a few minutes, then transfer to a wire rack to cool completely.

CHEF'S RECOMMENDATIONS: These biscuits will keep well in an airtight tin for 5 days. You could also use chopped crystallised ginger for this recipe.



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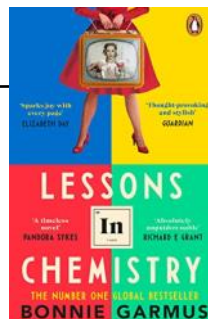
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'Sparky, rip-roaring, funny, with big-hearted fully formed, loveable characters' Sunday Times

Lessons in Chemistry was this month's choice for the book group.

Elizabeth is a research scientist thwarted by the misogyny of 1950s America and still in the 1960s as she becomes an unwitting feminist hero in her role as the host of a TV cookery show. The programme airs in the afternoon slot immediately before 'housewives' everywhere need to galvanise themselves to ensure their husbands' suppers are on the table the moment they walk through the door. Elizabeth is also strikingly beautiful which leads to both men and women wanting to pigeonhole her even more.

Elizabeth has met and fallen in love with her kindred spirit, Calvin, and they have a daughter - named Mad who is, of course, brilliant and lastly, their curious and faithful dog named Six Thirty, whose intelligence and thoughts are perhaps a bit overdone but it won't spoil enjoyment of the book.

Calvin's back history provides a background to the novel and we learn much about his childhood and experiences that shaped his career. The depiction of the Catholic Church and religion was as to be expected. A major influence in Calvin's life was his love of rowing, which he learnt at Cambridge.

The main characters are well-supported by secondary characters such as her neighbour, Harriet, without whom she wouldn't have been able to have her career; her doctor and rowing team member and her TV producer, Walter Pine.

It is a story about strong women and what they can achieve but Elizabeth does come across more stubborn than strong. However, it is an enjoyable read but to be read like a satire.

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