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Elsenham Village Regular Monthly or Quarterly Activities

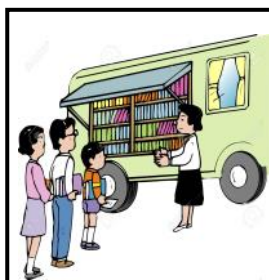
Parish Council 1st **Monday** of month 8pm (excl. Bank Holidays) Memorial Hall
Village Café Coffee 1st & 3rd **Tuesday** 9.30 - 11.30am Memorial Hall
2nd & 4th **Tuesday** 9.30 - 11.30am Bowls & Social Club
Village Café Community Hub 3rd **Tuesday** 12 - 4pm Memorial Hall
Henham & District Garden Society 1st **Tuesday** of month 2.30 - 4pm Memorial Hall
Community Choir 1st & 3rd **Tuesday** 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

June 2023 diary

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|----------------|-------------------------------|--|
| Sat 3 | Charity Quiz | Bowls & Social Club 7.30pm |
| Mon 5 | Parish Council Meeting | Memorial Hall 8pm |
| Tues 6 & 20 | Village Café Coffee Morning | Memorial Hall 9.30 - 11.30am |
| Tues 6 | Henham & District Garden Soc | Memorial Hall 2.30pm |
| Tues 6 & 20 | Elsenham Community Choir | Village Hall 7pm |
| Fri 9 & 12 | Church Lunch Club | Memorial Hall 12.30pm |
| Tues 13 | Life Drawing | Village Hall 7.30pm |
| Tues 13 and 27 | Village Café Coffee Morning | Bowls and Social Club 9.30am - 11.30am |
| Weds 14 | Elsenham History Society | Memorial Hall 7.45pm for 8pm |
| Thurs 15 | Elsenham WI | Memorial Hall 7.45pm |
| Mon 19 | District Councillors' Surgery | Orwell House, Station Road Elsenham 7pm |
| Sat 17 | Village Fete | Playing Field 1 - 4pm |
| Tues 20 | Village Café Community Hub | Memorial Hall 12-4pm |
| Sat 24 | Bingo | Bowls & Social Club 7.30pm |

Elsenham Village Regular Weekly Activities

| Day | Time | Activity | Location |
|-----------|--------------|-----------------------|---------------------------------|
| Monday | 9.30-10.30am | Zumba | Memorial Hall |
| | 10.30am | Health walk | Start at De Mandeville Green |
| | 7-7.45pm | 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



Doing something within and for your community is surely something that many of us aspire to?

Well, with this issue you get the chance over many pages to make a choice of how you might do that. You could choose from:

- Environmental care (page 7)
- Community Special Constable (page 9)
- Part of Neighbourhood Watch (page 15)
- A member of the Community Speed Watch Team (page 17)
- Join the Community Choir (page 27)
- Help people overseas (page 31)
- Support our historic church (page 33)

If none of these appeal to you, you could join one of our many sports and social clubs. The Bowls Club, Tennis Club and Cricket Club are always keen to welcome new members.

Organisations like the WI, who do so much within the community, would love to hear from you too.

The Elsenham village fete (page 42) will need new volunteers and organisers next year, an event that is a long standing and important part of village life.

Go on, make your community a better place by getting involved. Volunteer today!

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Thank you for trusting us to represent you for the next four years. We are humbled and honoured to be your District Councillors. We will do our utmost to do our best by you and look after your interests. We are who we are because of you, thank you.

We would like to thank our opposition for a professional, policy challenging campaign.

We are the administration at Uttlesford District Council. It has been pretty frantic this first week, organising our cabinet, allocating committee seats, organising member training. Our first full Council Meeting is on the May 23 and we will be voting for the allocations of Committees and confirming Leader and Cabinet Roles.

A reminder that we are aware that the cost-of-living crisis is causing hardship to residents who are unable to improve their circumstances in the short term while inflation outstrips income. A quick reminder that a cost-of-living crisis fund has been set up for the 2023/2024 financial year to support Uttlesford residents who may be struggling to pay their Council Tax liability. This is available to **all** Council Tax Bands. See www.uttlesford.gov.uk/cost-of-living-support-fund

We have £2,000 each to spend in our ward to help community projects so do think about whether we could help.

Due to many member training days in June our time frame is rather limited for our first surgery, which will be Monday June 19 at 7.00pm, Orwell House, Station Road, Elsenham.

Thank you again. We love where we live and look forward to seeing you at the village fete.

Elsenham Action Group for Local Environmental Sustainability (E.A.G.L.E.S.)

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We are a newly formed group whose aim is to actively promote sustainability within the Elsenham community.

We have lots of ideas for actions we could take which come broadly under the headings of promoting increased biodiversity, improving recycling and re-use, and promoting sustainable energy. We would also like to find activities in which children can become involved.

Currently we are a small group. If you would like to join us please contact us at the email address above. We look forward to hearing from you.

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By Frances Lambert ✉ franceslambertnhw@btinternet.com



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9. Attend suitable local council meetings where available to do so.
10. Have regard to the Council's aims and objectives in their voluntary service.

Community Special Constables will get the same training as regular officers and will have to complete the same accreditation, but once they've got independent patrol status then they can really get committed to their local communities.

If you're looking to make a dedicated difference to your own area, to problem solve, to build relationships and be recognised as a local peacekeeper then the Community Special Constable role might be for you.

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Based in Elsenham, the band, **13 echoes**, needs support with a social media campaign. Following an initial push, the promotion campaign needs regular management for the next few months; creating posts on social media, (Facebook, Instagram, YouTube, Tik Tok, Twitter etc), administering a website, video editing, uploading music and videos to streaming sites.

Knowledge of social media applications is essential. You don't need to be a musician but an interest in media software and campaigns would be helpful.

You would be working with us using our equipment (phone and laptop). We envisage 5-6 hours per week, which can be spread flexibly over the week, maybe more, maybe less (depending on your time and skills). We have a plan but are open to creative ideas. Pay rate to be negotiated based on your experience but we would pay at least the living wage per hour.

Interested? Then call Marion on 07467 943077

DEVELOPMENT DEVELOPMENTS

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



As advised by STOP PRESS! last month, the application by Bloor Homes for another 200 homes east of Eisenham Station was approved by the Planning Inspectorate under the S62A procedure. Bloor lost no time in asking the Parish Council for a meeting, when they confirmed the undertaking to give a sizeable wodge of wonga to the new Community Hall. Sizeable, yes - but not sufficient to compensate for the failure to give anything at all to the first phase, the 350 now noisily under construction.

But on noise they did have some reasonably welcome news, which promises some relief for the long-suffering residents at the top end of Hailes Wood. Bloor intend to move their compound further north, onto the land designated for their 'Phase 2'. They also reckon they'll design it so that more vehicles can drive in and drive out, curtailing the number of the continuous 'beep beeps' on reversing which can reduce even otherwise well-balanced individuals to the depths of despair.

They were apologetic about the crocuses. They undertook last year that the area around the entrance would be planted with crocuses, but it didn't happen, and they have promised solemnly to make good the omission this year. The main road through the development is to be Crocus Drive, with other flowery names elsewhere: Lily Walk, Columbine View and so on. The first new residents are expected to move in at the end of May, with eight per month thereafter, which means the end of 2026 for the first 350 before Phase 2. They claim to know nothing of a Phase 3 - but then they knew nothing of Phase 2 until they applied.

The approval of this application goes to show yet again how desperately the District needs a new Local Plan. The last word from a prominent district councillor was, 'it takes as long as it takes' - not good enough when it's taken for ever and a day already.

As I write, the Planning Inspectorate Hearing into Countryside's application to build 130 homes in the field to the south of the Crown will be held in a couple of days. True to form, the applicants put in extra documents shortly before the Hearing, with insufficient time for consideration and response. They are very much inclined to argue the toss with both Essex Highways and the Parish Council concerning the modelling of traffic through Stansted, with a faith in computer output which only illustrates the depth of their ignorance as to facts on the ground. Computers are all they've got, so they have to rely on them.

The application to build five houses south of The Old Vicarage in Hall Road was rejected by UDC Planning, on the grounds of harm to the countryside, urbanising effect on the heritage asset, and insufficient information to show the impact on the highway network. This was refused although much larger schemes have been allowed. The large developers claim that they are doing more to alleviate the housing crisis. Meanwhile, we must take such crumbs of comfort as we can, and these applicants are no doubt considering whether to appeal.



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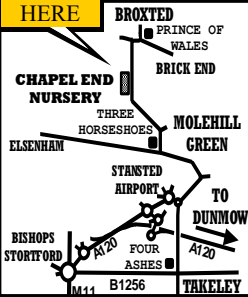
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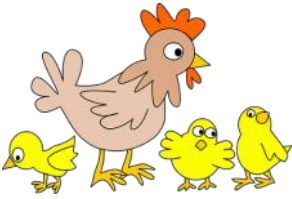


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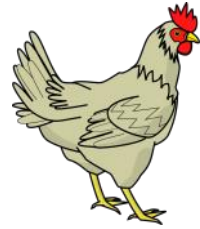
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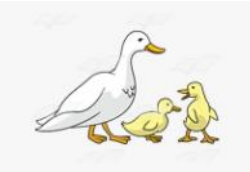
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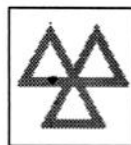
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Neighbourhood Watch only works if we all do something if we see a problem or crime occurring, that needs reporting straight away. Hoping that someone else will dial 999, when you see a crime being carried out, or telling your neighbour when they get home you saw a person trying to get into their home, is too late then. Putting it on the Facebook page of the estate you live on, may tell people on that estate, but it won't stop or report the crime, the people who need to know are the police. **Dial 999 if you see a crime being carried out**, don't wait, or hope someone else will make the call. If the police receive more than one call about an incident, they don't mind, it lets them know the neighbours are taking care of their homes and their neighbours.

All information passed on to the police is confidential and the criminals will not know who called the police, so do not let this stop you calling them, and remember if you do call, ask for an incident number which will be a number and the date of the report. This will help your neighbour if they have to call the police back, or make an insurance claim.

Let's start looking out for each other, and make Neighbourhood Watch really work, lets report the drug dealers, and criminals we see trying to break in, if we ALL keep a watch and report what we see to the police, word will get back that Elsenham is not a soft touch any more, and if they are seen, someone WILL call the police.

The Neighbourhood Watch signs around the village lets people know we are all looking out for each other, and as our slogan says..... Together we are stronger

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Elsenham Community Speed Watch

By Frances Lambert

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I am often asked “What good is Speedwatch?” or “How does it work” and the ones we hear most are “We knew you were out, as the traffic is all going slower” or “You should have been out here at.....they were flying through here.”

What good is Speedwatch... it reminds drivers of the 30-mph speed limit we have in the village, a good day to us is when we only log a few vehicles, as the police trainer told me about sixteen years ago “You are there to educate and remind people of the limit, and the less you have had to log the better you have done.”

How does it work..... all cars logged speeding on our calibrated SL700 laser device...as used by the police, are recorded onto a sheet, then checked before being sent off by email to the police at Billericay who deal with all the Community Speedwatch teams throughout Essex. By checking, we ensure we have all the correct details, and it also lets us know if the vehicle has a current MOT and road tax. If either of these are missing, the registrations also go elsewhere to be followed up. So, we are also helping indirectly to get these illegal vehicles off our roads.

Registrations of persistent speeders throughout Essex are picked up at Billericay, and passed onto the police to deal with, and we are also supported by the traffic police, who join us when they are able.



Unfortunately, we cannot be out there all the time, and we do need more help, if just a few people spared us an hour a month we could be out there more, to keep reminding people who live here, or the drivers who are passing through, the speed limit for the whole of our village is 30-mph.



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I am writing this missive a couple of days after the Coronation of King Charles III. It has been seventy years since the last Coronation when the late Queen Elizabeth II was crowned and much has changed in that time, not least in Elsenham itself.

In 1953 Elsenham had a much smaller population of around six hundred people. Most of these lived along Stansted Road and The High Street. Station Road was in the main open farmland with none of the developments of the last forty years or so. New Road had only a few dwellings on its South side, the other side being taken up by Gold's Nurseries that was still in business at this time.

Although mains water had arrived in some parts of the village just before World War II, the village pump by Park Road was still doing good business. It was just a few years later that the shaft, dug at least 120 feet (36 metres) deep in 1895 and later made deeper, showed signs of collapse, and was capped to make it safe. If you are surprised that mains water was that late coming to the village, you will find it even more surprising that mains sewage didn't come to the village until 1974. Up until that time, householders had to rely on septic tanks and the occasional outside privy. This could be problematic as Elsenham is built on clay and during heavy rains it wasn't unknown for tanks to overflow depositing all sorts of "material" on the ground! The last house was connected to the sewage system in August 1984.

We are not sure when mains electricity arrived in the village, but we are told that Arthur Dixon who was the electrician at Elsenham Hall was responsible for putting electricity into St Mary's Church in 1911. If anyone can help with better information about the coming of electricity, we would be delighted to hear from you.

Finally, to complete the utilities story, mains gas arrived in 1989 meaning the end for very many oil-fired boilers in favour of cheaper to run gas boilers.

We will be meeting this month on Wednesday June 14 (8pm in the Memorial Hall) when Tony Wellings, a one-time resident of Elsenham, will be coming along to talk about the Stansted Windmill. Built in 1787 it has been gracing the Stansted skyline ever since. The coming of the Industrial Revolution meant that better and cheaper ways of grinding corn were available, and the mill was last used for its intended purpose in 1910. Tony will explain all this in what promises to be an interesting talk and as always, visitors will be very welcome for a small fee of just two pounds. For only five pounds however, you can become a member and enjoy all our speakers throughout the year.

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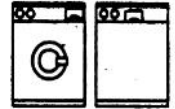


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ELSENHAM WOMEN'S INSTITUTE

By Moyra Jackson ☎ 647351



After a very rainy day for the Coronation yesterday, Elsenham is bathed in beautiful sunshine today. Thank goodness we Brits are used to changeable weather!

We had one of our best ever speakers last month; the amazing Iestyn Edwards enthralled us in his own inimitable style with tales from his days in Afghanistan entertaining the troops stationed there. His stories were funny, sad, irreverent and downright hilarious. It was wonderful to hear so much laughter in the hall and to have a full house too.



Our membership numbers remain similar to last year's, which is fabulous news. I am sure this is in no small part to the high standard of speakers we have. If you have ever wondered how and where we find them, we are lucky to have members on our committee who are happy to go along to the auditions held by Essex Federation and when we find a good one we book them early. We were the first WI to have Paul Martin (now known as Paulus) come along to entertain us and he is currently undertaking a nationwide

tour of his Victoria Wood Show. From small beginnings!

Our next meeting is on Thursday, June 15th and we have a Pamper Night with Donna Negus coming along to talk to us about all aspects of Mindfulness. During lockdown, Donna was one of the first speakers we had by Zoom and, even in those troubled times, she had a wonderful way of relaxing us all and relieving some of the stress we were all feeling. We are delighted that she will be appearing in person this time.

We have a wonderful programme of events this year. It is a really good way to meet new friends. While we are very 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 and you can join at any time throughout the year.

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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On 4 May at 12:00pm some of our Fire fighters on duty that day took part in a minute's silence for Fire fighter Memorial Day paying their respects to the thousands of Firefighters around the globe that have made the ultimate sacrifice to their fellow residents and communities.

During the months of April and May the team have also kept up to date with all the latest training techniques, and in the month of May will be attending Stansted Audi garage to learn even more about the ever-changing world of electric vehicles, their safety features and how to render them safe after a vehicle collision.

Looking forward to the year ahead, the crew at Stansted are now starting to turn their minds to the up-and-coming summer period and are hoping it won't be as busy as last summer but if the dry conditions return, we would like to ask all residents of the community to be aware of the summer safety advice link below:

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Thought For The Month by *Louis Wilson*

In 1859, the Great Blondin became the first man in history to cross the Niagara Falls between America and Canada on a tightrope. 25,000 people paid to watch him walk across this tiny rope 160 feet above the chasm of raging waters. There was no safety net, no harness, nothing but a balancing pole. If he slipped, he died.

Before he set off, he said to the crowd: Do you believe that I can get across this tightrope to the other side completely alone and unaided? *We believe Blondin, we believe*, cried the crowd. And he did it.

Over the following days and months, he crossed the Falls 300 times and in various ways. On one occasion, he walked across with a stove and a chair, and half way across, sat down and cooked and ate an omelette! Another time, he pushed a wheelbarrow all the way across loaded with 350 pounds of cement.

The crowd were amazed and delighted until one day Blondin unloaded the wheelbarrow and shouted down to them: Do you believe that I could push this wheelbarrow all the way across the rope, and all the way back, with a man sitting in it?

As one, the crowd shouted: *We believe Blondin, we believe!* To which Blondin asked, well, who's going to get in then? At this point, there was deafening silence - not one person was willing.

The Bible says there is a Niagara-like chasm between us and God. We can't

jump over it, we can't ignore it, we can't go round it, and we can't climb down it. It's a chasm that stops us spending eternity with God.

The Bible says it's caused by our sin, by our rebellion against the loving, holy, perfect God who made us. There's just no way for us to get across. What we need is someone to bridge the gap for us.

In John 10:11, Jesus says: *I am the good shepherd. The good shepherd lays down his life for the sheep.*

Jesus is claiming that by his sacrificial death on a cross 2000 years ago, he has bridged the gap. All we have to do is trust him. All we have to do is get into the wheelbarrow.

But for lots of us, that is quite an issue! The crowds were fascinated by Blondin, and it's possible for us to be very familiar with Jesus and the Gospel, to examine his claims, even admire his teaching, but never actually trust him with our lives.

I think it was entirely reasonable not to accept Blondin's invitation! The chasm at Niagara was terrifying – and I have no need to cross it. But Jesus doesn't ask us to get across the eternal chasm in our own strength, or by our own effort. He's offering to take us. He's offering us his wheelbarrow. All we need to do is get in.

With best wishes,

Louis

CHURCH EVENTS IN OUR VILLAGES JUNE 2023

Church Services

Sunday 4th June

10:15 All Together All Age Service,
Elsenham Village Hall

18:00 Sunday@6, Henham Church

Sunday 11th June

08:45 Prayer Book Holy Communion,
Elsenham Church

10:00 Morning Service, Ugley Church

10:15 Holy Communion,
Elsenham Village Hall

11:15 Morning Service, Henham Church

18:00 Sunday@6 with Communion,
Henham Church

Sunday 18th June

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 25th June

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 Church

18:00 Sunday@6, Henham Church

Other Regular Events

SUNDAYS:

St Peter's Junior Church

St Peter's, Ugley 10.00am

Sundays: 11th, 18th & 25th

Elsenham Sunday Club/Explorers

(Y1-Y6) Old Franks, Elsenham

10.15am Sundays: 11th, 18th & 25th

Henham Sunday Club/Explorers

(Reception-Y5)

Church Hall, Henham 11.00am

Sundays: 11th, 18th & 25th

Pathfinders (Y6-Y9)

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

Sundays: 11th, 18th & 25th

Crammin' (Y10-Y13)

**St Mary's, Henham 6.00pm followed
by 7.00pm at The Church Hall,**

Henham Sundays: 11th, 18th & 25th

MID-WEEK AND SATURDAY:

Start the Week with Prayer

Church Hall, Henham 9.30am

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

Seekers After School Bible Club

(Y3-Y4) Old Frank's 3.20pm

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

Christian Play (Y1-Y2)

Rowan House, Elsenham 3.15pm

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

Little Fishes Pre-School Group

Church Hall, Henham 10.15am

Thursdays: 8th, 15th, 22nd & 29th

Little Fishes Pre-School Group

Elsenham Memorial Hall 10.00am

Fridays: 9th, 16th, 23rd & 30th

Church Lunch Club

Elsenham Memorial Hall 12.30pm

Fridays: (2nd & 4th Friday of the month):
9th & 23rd

Afternoon Tea

OSCA, Henham 2.00pm

Saturday: 17th

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ELSENHAM COMMUNITY CHOIR

By Elaine Terry ☎ 07962 586825

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We have all been very busy at Choir lately, challenging ourselves with several new songs, including some from musicals. 'I Will Follow Him' from Sister Act, was so much fun to sing and sounded pretty good too. 'A Million Dreams' from The Greatest Showman is proving more testing, but we are determined to conquer it!

We have also enjoyed mastering Take That's 'Shine' and the old classic, 'Drift Away,' has been an absolute joy to sing. By the time you read this, we will have made a good start on Stealers Wheel – 'Stuck in the Middle with You,' so watch this space!



As you can imagine, we are often singing songs that we might previously not have heard, but that makes the challenge even more enjoyable.

If this sounds like something you would enjoy, then why not come and join us on the first and third Tuesday of every month at 7pm until 8.30pm in Elsenham Village Hall (by Elsenham Primary School). We do plenty of singing, but we always have a mid-way break for a chat, a drink, and some chocolate!



There are no auditions at our choir, everyone is welcome, just come along and sing!

Please just turn up, find us on our Elsenham Community Choir Facebook page or ☎ 07962 586825

From The Parish Registers

Service of Thanksgiving on May 11 at Ugley Church, followed by a Burial in the churchyard, Alan Stuart Kelvin, aged 80 years, formerly of North Street, Bristol.

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NATURAL OUTLOOK ON JUNE

By Heather Salvidge 🐦 814153



We had a four-day Bank Holiday this May for the Coronation but last year we had one for the, now late, Queen's Jubilee over the first weekend in June and the birds, both in the village and in our garden were **very** busy. Here are some of my notes for the days when the weather was 'dry, warming up'.

Walking up to the shops for the paper I noted 'wrens on station in the car park and at Ridley gardens. Blackbirds singing, swifts overhead.' Back at home, had fed them late so not much in the front, starlings – Jays (juveniles) female blackbird, dunnock. Back garden, over time, stock doves, blackbird in holly, sparrows, blue tits - mainly Jays, greenfinch, the goldfinches and wood pigeon and a male blackbird on the grass, dunnock looking for a drink, great tits – again Jays, greater spotted woodpecker on the nuts. Temperatures 17/18C. In our road I found a discarded blackbird's egg shell – egg blue with beige "scribbles" over it. Then in the front and back gardens more sparrows, starlings, and collared doves, a male blackbird running across the lawn, a song thrush, the woodpecker again, sparrows, greenfinches, jackdaws, a goldfinch and a **very** bright green/yellow greenfinch, wood pigeon, starlings - Jays, a dunnock **inside** a hanging feeder, an adult great tit looking careworn, female black bird on grass. At 10pm last lingering daylight.

The next day, house martins outside the shop and outside a house with a hedge, a male blackbird hunting for nesting material, a second brood? At home, sparrows, starlings, robin, wood pigeon, dunnock, goldfinches, greenfinches, stock dove, chaffinches, jackdaws, then a group of starlings squabbling very noisily over a new fat block. Then the woodpecker arrives, joined by her junior. So the bird activity continued, even though the weather deteriorated. What will they get up to this year, I wonder.

In April I mentioned some orchids so here is some more about the later flowering ones. This time last year I had marked 24 common spotted orchids in our "orchard", five of which had buds. They get their name from the purplish spots on their strap-like leaves; the flowers range in colour from very pale to deep pink or reddish purple – but always with dots on the lower lip. We did not plant them in our garden, we inherited them. Also they tend to move about from year to year. It is also time for twayblades, so called because of the two strongly veined leaves wrapped round near the base of the single flowering stem. It's not very tall and the flowers are yellowish green and have a forked lower lip. I have seen these in a nature reserve called Sweeting's Meadow in Lindsell or in another, West Wood, an SSSI on the road to Great Sampford. Also to be found in West Wood at this time of year, in the smaller right hand side, are greater butterfly orchids. They are tall, well over 16 to 20 inches and have delicate white flowers with a greenish tip on the long, lower lip between two white 'wings'. Said to be very fragrant at night. As to the bee orchids that I wrote about earlier, they tend to come up on roadside verges so I hope the New Road patch will flower but also those in the sandpit off the Henham Road.

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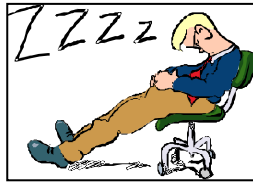


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ELSENHAM CRICKET CLUB by David Brown (Chairman)

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The committee approached Stansted Hall C.C. to obtain additional participants. Talks began in 2008 and by 2009 there was a merger between the two clubs. The new club ran two Saturday teams, a Sunday XI, and a junior XI with two grounds at Stansted House & Elsenham Place.

We progressed until the pavilion at Elsenham Place unfortunately burnt down on October 23 2016. It was decided to rebuild it with support from Sport England, Weston Homes, and local charities. The project needed £200,000 in funding from the U.D.C. and England & Wales Cricket Board but the funds failed to materialise. On March 19 2019, the club decided Elsenham Place was no longer an option.

An alternative had arisen at Molehill Green where that club had folded, and some members there were keen to restart. The ground is now being used by the village team, Stansted Hall and Elsenham Juniors. A substantial amount of money has been spent on the ground and pavilion and in 2018 we won the Boardman's Davies Cup T20 competition and in 2019 the 2nd XI won the HECL Division 5 championship.

Successful tours have taken place to Norfolk creating a good atmosphere amongst the playing members. We currently play in Herts & Essex Border League – Premier Division and Division 2.

As with many areas, the pandemic was a difficult period with the 2020 season only beginning on July 18. Our junior section continues to grow, with the club taking children from the age of 5. The juniors are being taught the enjoyment of cricket by qualified coaches and with more people moving into the area we look to the future with confidence.

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At our AGM on the 21st March I was duly elected as the new Chairman, taking over from David Hill. David had acted as our Chairman for many years and I would like to take this opportunity on behalf of the committee and members in thanking him for his dedication and support of the Church and the Fabric Fund during that time.

St Mary's Fabric Fund was founded in 1996 to encourage financial support for the maintenance of our beautiful historic grade 1 listed Norman Church, now 913 years old. Remarkably, membership to the Fund still remains at £5 per annum.

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Once again we will be having a stand at Elsenham Village Fete. As we have four or five species of bats at the Church the emphasis this year will be on "Bats". So do call by for a chat, we will be pleased to see you.

More next month on forthcoming events for the year.

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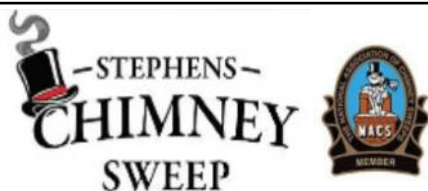
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Royal Humane Society Award—Golds Business Park Pair

Bruce Boxall-Hunt & Rachel Stewart

Rachel Stewart and Bruce Boxall-Hunt have recently received a Royal Humane Society Award for successfully 'restoring a man to life' following an incident last year in Elsenham.

On the July 6 2022, a man collapsed in Golds Nurseries Business Park whilst making a delivery. Rachel Stewart, who was working at Guy Autos across the road assisted the man who had climbed out of his lorry and was on the ground in a great deal of pain, clutching his chest. An ambulance was called and, despite the man's condition, they were told there would be a wait of about 1 hour 20 minutes until one could be sent to the scene.

A short time later, Bruce Boxall-Hunt (a friend of Rachel's), who had been called to the industrial estate by another worker at Guy Autos (because he has some training in first aid) arrived and realised the man was having a heart attack.

Bruce contacted the emergency services to update them on the man's condition and was again told that there were no ambulances available.

Due to the delay, Bruce asked a bystander to run him home in a car so he could collect his first aid kit, including oxygen and other equipment.



Shortly after Bruce got back to the scene, the man became unresponsive. His heart and breathing had stopped due to the heart attack. A defib, which had recently been given to a company in the industrial estate was brought out whilst Rachel and Bruce started CPR on the man.

The CPR worked! Doctors later stated that the blockage in his heart had been forced through by the chest compressions. He was still in a lot of pain and later an ambulance arrived, and he was taken straight to a nearby hospital. He was later transferred to a specialist heart hospital.

The incident highlights the difficulties that the NHS is having now and the importance of people having training in first aid. It's important that people can help each other in the village in this way, as you never know when the training will come in handy!



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“*The Hundred and One Dalmatians*” was written by Dodie Smith (1896-1990). From 1934, she lived in Finchingfield at The Barretts, a 16th-

century thatched house in the tiny hamlet of Howe Street. Her children’s novel, written in 1956, was made into a highly successful Disney animated film. An earlier novel “*I captured the Castle*”, written in 1948, was adapted into a film in 2003. Smith’s former home is marked by a blue plaque.

Another blue plaque, on 17th-century Rose Cottage (pictured right) in Stebbing, identifies the former home of Henry de Vere Stacpoole (1863 -1951) who was also a prolific author. He lived there for about 10 years in the early 1900s and during that time completed his best-known novel, “*The Blue Lagoon*”. It has been made into a feature film several times.



Horham Hall in the parish of Thaxted was the home of novelist Evelyn Anthony (1926 – 2018) from 1968 to 1976 and then from 1982 until her death. Sixteenth century Horham Hall is Grade I-listed and the cost of upkeep forced Evelyn and her husband to sell it, but they were able to re-purchase it when her royalties increased. Of her many novels, “*The Tamarind Seed*” was the best known. It was published in 1971 and made into a film in 1974, starring Julie Andrews and Omar Sharif.

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ELSENHAM BOWLS AND SOCIAL CLUB

By Sue Waite



Our bowlers have embraced the new season of bowling and are happy once again to be outside in the lovely fresh air. Although the going is a bit tough at the moment and causing some of us to find muscles we did not know we had, being with our bowling friends again more than makes up for a few aches and pains.

Our first internal game was interesting in that we changed teams after each game and kept our own individual score. The bowlers with the highest scores played against each other to see who would be the winner. In this final we had Chris Waite, Fiona Jordan and John Atchison. They all played really well but Chris Waite just took the lead and won. Congratulations Chris.

Our second internal game – the President versus the Captain, was well attended and although the President’s team fought hard and long, the Captain’s team won the match. Congratulations to Captain Chris Waite and your team, very well done. Commiserations to President Trevor Hackett and his team, better luck next time.

We have also played the Kings Arms Cup. This is a pairs game with each pair being drawn out of a hat. The pairs are in two leagues and play 3 games within the league. The pair from each league with the highest score playoff in a final. This year the final was between Chris Waite and David Spearman and Trevor Hackett and Peter Watson. It was a tense final with Chris and David coming out the winners. Well done to you both.

I would like to take this opportunity to welcome Cyndy Brown back to Elsenham Bowls Club. Lovely to have you back Cyndy – have a good season.

If you are thinking of joining the Bowl Club as either a bowling member or a social member then get in touch with Brenda Kendricks ☎ 870412.

Take care all, come and join us sometime.

STANSTED HALL & ELSENHAM CRICKET CLUB

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



The playing members were raring to go, the juniors were raring to go, the club was raring to go – but the weather had other ideas !!! Four out of five Junior coaching sessions have been cancelled, matches have been rained off – the weather has been diabolical for cricket so far.

However, new plumbing, a new kitchen, new carpets, and a new scoreboard are all something to look forward to as and when the action begins.

If you fancy joining the club please contact me – the sun will come out at some stage!



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ELSENHAM TENNIS CLUB

By Petra Studholme 📞 814667



Village Fete – June 17

We will be opening our courts for the public to play during the Fete. Several of our members will be on hand to talk to about the club. Rackets and balls will be provided but we must insist that appropriate, non-marking footwear is worn and that children under the age of 12 must be supervised by an adult.

Match reports – final positions for Essex Small Club League for the Winter seasons. Men's: won Division II. Mixed: second in Division III

Jon's men's doubles:

Elsenham v Roydon: A 10-6 win against Roydon on a damp Wednesday evening. Jon and Steve managed to pick up 6 points and Dave and Lewis picked up 4 giving us a good win against a side that had a good pair playing. It was Dave's first game for the men's team which was good to have another man to add to the squad. This left our final game against Roydon which would be the decider on who would win the league.

Standon & Puckeridge v Elsenham: Another wet game over at Standon & Puckeridge on some wet astro courts made it a tricky game. Jon, Steve, Stuart and Lewis managed to hold an 8-8 draw to win the Mens Division 2 title . A tough game for both pairs but managing to dig in to get the points against a good Standon team and keep us at the top.

Petra's mixed doubles:

Sadly, the next scheduled match against Pleshey was a walkover as they had to cancel again and our Braughing match was rained off so we halved points. But we are now already busy scheduling more matches for the summer.

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 availabilities, 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 2023!

Saturday 17 June 1-4pm.

We cannot wait and it is going to be a real treat for everyone at this year's fete. We have tried to ensure that we have **something for everyone**, and we really hope that you all have a **marvellous time!**

The WI are organising our wonderful **Tea Tent** (in the Memorial Hall) and there will be a smorgasbord of utterly delicious cakes, savouries and thirst quenching drinks.

There will also be the usual mouth watering **barbeque**, Frankie is bringing his cooling **ice creams and donuts** and this year we have also the **Greek Street Café** and Sue selling her **topped popcorn & nachos**. There will obviously be the **Beer Tent** and we have the **Unstable Bar** offering Pimms, Prosecco and a variety of cocktails.....hic! There are also lots of stalls selling their homemade edible treats around the fete too!

There will be SO much to do! **Lego pits** to play in & **Lego creations** made by the young and old to see. **Bouncy castles** to jump on, **coconuts** to be smashed, **circus skills** to be learnt, **cute animals** to be petted, a **play village** for the very young and much more. Young or old, you can come and have your **face painted** and look amazing! We will once again have a real live **Magician** ready to amaze and astound you!

Do start saving your pennies to bring as we will have superb **homemade dog collars & leads**, scrummy **jams and chutneys**, **hand crafted cards, bags, candles** and many more. There will also be **vintage goods, handmade creations & gifts** and glorious **plants and flowers** - the list is **HUGE!!**

Come and see what the **Historical Society** have been up to, as well as **Guide Dogs for the Blind**, the **Tennis Club**, the **Bowls Club**, the **Post Office** and many more village organisations! If you're feeling a bit tense, go take your frustrations out at the **plate smashing stall!!**

We are having a **Recycling Patch** for first time so you can recycle bras, unopened cosmetics, crisp packets and toothpaste packaging. Can you believe that all these items that we chuck away, can benefit vulnerable folk if disposed of in the correct way? Find out more on Fete day!!

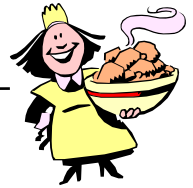
There will be even more **classic vehicles** this year and if you have one you would like to bring, then please just turn up with it before midday. Otherwise, just mosey down and chat to the owners.

The Arena attractions will be entertaining us throughout the afternoon with a variety of dancing, displays and the magnificent **Elsenham Community Choir** will be performing, so make sure you don't miss any of these.

If you want to get involved, then please get in touch on ☎ 07962 586825
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COOKERY CORNER

By Sue Johnson ☎ 812704



Here's an easy and economical store cupboard one-pan brunch, lunch or supper dish. The recipe can be doubled to serve four, although you might need two pans!

POTATO, HAM AND PEA OMELETTE (Serves 2)

12oz (325g) potatoes, preferably red skinned, unpeeled
3 tablespoons olive oil
Small onion, chopped
4 eggs
2½oz (70g) thick slice of ham, cubed
4½ oz (125g) frozen peas

Thickly slice the potatoes. In a large frying pan, heat four tablespoons of the oil. Fry the potatoes over a gentle heat for about 15 minutes, until beginning to turn golden and just tender. Add the onion to the pan and cook for a further 5 minutes.

In a very large bowl, beat the eggs and season very well with freshly ground pepper and a little salt. Tip the potatoes, onion, ham and peas into the beaten eggs. Mix gently so that you don't break up the potatoes.

Preheat the grill to high. Heat the remaining oil in the pan. Add the egg mixture and cook gently for 10 minutes until half set, then grill for 10-15 minutes until the top of the omelette is golden and just set. Serve cut into wedges.

CHEF'S RECOMMENDATIONS: You could use bacon instead of the ham. Top with grated cheese before putting under the grill if you like. Serve with a dressed salad or baked beans on the side.

GARDEN HINT *By Sue Johnson*

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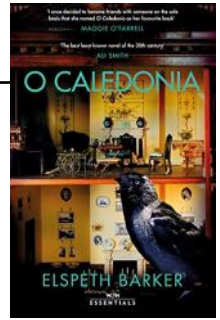
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O CALEDONIA by *Elspeth Barker*

Reviewed by Marion Giles for Elsenham Book Group



'Vera was painting the pony's hooves gold in the dining room; Janet said this was bad for him; poison would seep into his bloodstream.

At the bottom of a great stone staircase, dressed in her mother's black lace evening dress, twisted in murderous death, lies Janet. So end the sixteen years of Janet's short life.

A life spent in a draughty Scottish castle, where roses will not grow, and a jackdaw decides to live in the doll's house. A life peopled by prettier, smoother-haired siblings, a nanny with a face like the North Sea and the peculiar, whisky-swigging cousin Lila. A life where Janet is perpetually misunderstood - and must turn from people, to animals, to books, to her own wild and wonderful imagination. . . .' So says the blurb on the back of the book.

'I once decided to become friends with someone on the sole basis that she named O Caledonia as her favourite book' Maggie O'Farrell

O Caledonia was this month's choice for the book group.

This novel is hard to categorise. It offers an insight into life in Scotland in the early years after the Second World War but its main theme is to tell us about Janet, whom we learn at the outset will be murdered (quite unfairly) when she is 16. The book is not a tale of Janet's life but snapshots of her progress as she grows up. She is not really a sympathetic character – selfish, often heartless and sometimes cruel. She is a challenging girl who seemed to spend her life at odds with everyone and everything she encountered. A loner, despite four siblings, she was a serious reader who lived through her books and vivid imagination.

Janet's family are fairly affluent, living in a large house in Edinburgh. However, they relocate to a remote castle, Auchnasaugh, currently occupied by a widowed relative; the whisky-drinking, mushroom and tomato obsessed Lila and her bald cat. Janet's mother, Vera, who is vain and shallow confines Lila to two tiny rooms and contrives to remove her.

While there may be sufficient financial resource, there is little in the way of society. The local population are far from welcoming. The stately hallway of the castle is dominated by a stained-glass window inset with a panel of a wounded, dying bird. Here at the bottom of the stairs is where Janet was murdered. This is where the book ends. So we can only guess whether her family actually mourned her passing (probably not) and do not find out what happened to her murderer.

There is a strong melancholy throughout the whole book and hard to find anyone happy. The dour picture is in contrast with descriptive writing and classical references as Janet savours Greek mythology, Latin and 'keeps' unusual words.

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