

# Elsenham News



The Pump Elsenham

## Elsenham Village Regular Monthly or Quarterly Activities

Parish Council 1st **Monday** of month 7.45pm (excl. Bank Holidays) Memorial Hall  
 Elsenham EAGLES 4th **Monday** of month 7.30-9pm Bowls and Social Club  
 Henham & District Garden Soc. 1st **Tuesday** of month 2 for 2.30pm Memorial Hall  
 Community Choir 1st & 3rd **Tuesday** of month 7-8.30pm Village Hall  
 Natter Night 2nd **Tuesday** of month 7.30pm The Crown  
 Life Drawing 2nd and 4th **Tuesday** of month 7.30-9.30pm Village Hall  
 Village History Society 2nd **Wednesday** of month quarterly 7.45pm Memorial Hall  
 Women's Institute 3rd **Thursday** of month 7.45pm Memorial Hall  
 Church Lunch Club 2nd & 4th **Friday** of month 12.30pm Memorial Hall  
 Women's Wellness Breakfast Club last Friday of month 9.20am Bowls & Social  
 Elsenham Farmers' Market last **Saturday** of month 12.30-2.30pm Village Hall

## May 2026 diary

|              |  |  |
|--------------|--|--|
| Tues 5 & 19  | Elsenham Community Choir               | Village Hall 7pm                       |
| Thurs 7 & 21 | Community Supermarket                  | Outside Memorial Hall<br>1.30-3.30pm   |
| Fri 8 & 22   | Church Lunch Club                      | Memorial Hall 12.30pm                  |
| Sat 9        | Magic Circle Night                     | Bowls & Social Club 7 for 7.30pm       |
| Mon 11       | Parish Council Meeting                 | Memorial Hall 7.45pm                   |
| Tues 12      | Natter Night                           | The Crown 7.30pm                       |
| Tues 12 & 26 | Life Drawing                           | Village Hall 7.30pm                    |
| Thurs 14     | Elsenham Community Association Meeting | Memorial Hall 7.30pm                   |
| Sat 16       | EFSS Plant Sale                        | Memorial Hall 10am - 2.30pm            |
| Sat 16       | Bingo                                  | Bowls & Social Club 7.30 for 8pm       |
| Mon 18       | Elsenham Eagles                        | Bowls & Social Club<br>7.15 for 7.30pm |
| Mon 18       | Annual Parish Meeting                  | Memorial Hall 7.30pm                   |
| Thurs 21     | Elsenham WI                            | Memorial Hall 7.45pm                   |
| Sat 30       | Farmers Market                         | Village Hall 12.30 – 2.30pm            |



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## Elsenham Village Regular Weekly Activities

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



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# THE NEWS REPORT

From The Editors



Now we seem to be entering the summer and finally having a good run of fine weather, you may start to wonder how you could contribute to your local community.

We would encourage you to attend the Parish Council meeting on May 11 and the Community Association meeting on the 14th - both will be held in the Memorial Hall and details are in the diary on page 2. Both bodies do tremendous work for the village and would love to have you attend to understand more about what they do and, maybe, encourage you to get involved. The annual Parish Meeting will be held in the Memorial Hall on May 18.

If you are green fingered, the Elsenham Flower Show Society plant sale is on Saturday 16 May and don't forget the farmers market on Saturday 30 May.

Here's to an active and enjoyable May in Elsenham!

The Editorial Team  
Elsenham News

## Elsenham News - We want your ideas!

Now we are online only, we want to appeal to as wide an audience as possible. To help us, we would like your ideas on any improvements or additional services we could provide as part of an online service. This could include areas such as:

|                      |                |
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The new grass cutting contractor has been appointed and has carried out the first cut of the season with all of our green spaces looking nice and tidy. If you have had a chance to visit *Alsa Wood* recently, you may have seen the bluebells and oxlips that are in bloom. I have added some pictures below taken by our Chairman, Graham Mott, and Cllr. Bianca Donald.

I have been busy finalising the end of year accounts which I am pleased to report are balanced and correct. The final stage now is to have our Internal Audit at the beginning of May and then submit our Annual Governance and Accountability Return.

Smith Road allotment plot holders held their annual BBQ which was well attended and a lovely afternoon with the sun and blue skies making an appearance. It was lovely to meet some of the plot holders and we also got to enjoy some homemade pickles from Cllr. Ray Franklin.

## **Annual Parish Meeting – Monday May 18 – 7.30pm – Elsenham Memorial Hall**

The Annual Parish Meeting will take place on Monday 18<sup>th</sup> May at the Memorial Hall. All are welcome to attend. The Chairman will give his report, along with reports from our District and County Councillors. There will be time for questions and we will finish the meeting with tea and cake. Please come along to find out more about what the Parish Council have been doing over the last year and enjoy some light refreshments.

Our newly co-opted Councillor, Colin Woodward, has been helping with the Community Speed Watch team in an effort to reduce speeding through the village.





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# DEVELOPMENT DEVELOPMENTS

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Uttlesford District Council's new Local Plan was duly approved overwhelmingly by the full Council on 25 March. At the Planning Committee meeting on 8 April, an application was considered for a light industrial development on a site at Green Street, with access by turning to the right at the Hall Road roundabout when heading out of Elsenham.

Many years ago, a proposal was approved by UDC for three multi-storey office blocks on the site. A large hole was dug for a projected underground car park, but that was as far as it went. The new Local Plan includes an allocation of 5.5 hectares, to include filling in the large hole. The application considered, by contrast, comprises 22 warehouses of varying size with associated office space covering 15.39 hectares, which elementary arithmetic shows to be not far short of three times the Local Plan allocation. The site is also within Stansted Airport's Countryside Protection Zone, and the Local Plan confirmed its integrity. It is not accessible by sustainable means - no sane person would think of walking along Hall Road, courage bordering on foolhardiness would be needed to cycle, and the 77A bus is too infrequent to be helpful.

It seemed, therefore, that the Planning Committee would quickly refuse the proposal, citing the new Local Plan. But, in fact, they spent a couple of hours batting it about, and then agreed to defer a decision until the next meeting.

Somewhere over half the 130 new homes on the Vistry site off Hall Road are now occupied. The PRoW through the site from Hall Road to Fullers End is still closed, but a temporary alternative is now available. At the time of writing, there is nothing in the way of notices, so here is how you can access this latest walk, from both directions.

From Hall Road, not far south of the Crown, turn right into Golden Miller Avenue and follow it through the site eventually curving round to the left. At the end, continue as signed between the Heras fencing, and then turn immediately to the right across rough ground for about 30 metres to the gap in the ancient fence. Follow the established route right and left, across a small field to the narrow, muddy and overhung pathway, to emerge at Fullers End about 30 metres from the pedestrian level crossing over the railway.

From Fullers End, take the footpath to the left about 30 metres from the pedestrian level crossing over the railway, through a narrow, muddy and overhung pathway, across a small field to the gate in the ancient fence. Turn right and then immediately left. Continue across rough ground for about 30 metres with Heras fencing on your left. Turn left at the gap in the Heras fencing to emerge in Golden Miller Avenue. Follow it as it curves round to the right, to emerge eventually in Hall Road, not far from the Crown.

No-one knows when the correct line of the public footpath will be open.



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# ELSENHAM VILLAGE HISTORY SOCIETY

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The History Society is always keen to hear from villagers with any stories of times gone by, and over the years we have been active we have had several such contributions. Some years ago we were fortunate to receive the following eyewitness account of life in Tye Green between the wars from Thomas Pimblett who grew up there.

In 1930 Tye Green was still an isolated community distinct from the mother community of Elsenham, some two miles to the west of it. The population of the Green at that time was approximately sixty and families who resided there included the Gilders, the Claydens, the Reynolds, the Mortons, the Misses Sladen and Hawley, the Turners, the Hutleys, the Andersons, the Peacheys, the Camps and the Sandfords.

At that time, Tye Green was much more closely connected with Stansted than with Elsenham, and both Pearsons and Saunders, bakers from Stansted, visited the Green several times a week, while Marskalls the butchers also visited weekly, still using a pony and trap. During the summer months a Cremax ice cream vendor, utilising a motor bike and sidecar, paid frequent visits, the tuppenny ice creams being popular with those who could afford them. Many of the homes had wireless sets, these were, of course, battery powered and the discharged accumulators were collected weekly and returned the following week fully charged. It is worth noting that a radio licence at this time cost ten shillings (50p) a year.

The winter of 1930 was a severe one, and, the pond was popular with those who could skate. For drinking water, the community relied on wells and buckets of water were collected daily from the well across the green. Fresh milk was available from Tye Green Farm and local residents would come to the back door to collect their milk at tuppence (1p) a pint! The nearest store to Tye Green was Barret's Grocery in Elsenham, and some of the ladies on the Green regularly did the two mile walk there to replenish their shelves. Around 1932 Tye Green became less isolated with the advent of a weekly bus service every Thursday to Bishop's Stortford then, as now its Market day.

If you or someone you know have recollections of past village life do please get in touch, We would love to hear your stories and save them as a record of what once was.

Our next meeting will be held on Wednesday June 10<sup>th</sup> at 8pm in the Memorial Hall. Our speaker for the evening will be Martin Rose who will talk about the "Railways Around Audley End". Having recently witten a book on the same subject, our speaker is extremely knowledgeable and this promises to be a most interesting and informative evening. Do please come along, all are welcome and visitors pay just £2.00. We look forward to seeing you there.

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# ELSENHAM WOMEN'S INSTITUTE

By Moyra Jackson ☎ 647351



After a particularly wet winter, dare I say it? I'm loving the sunshine but.....the gardens could do with some rain!

May is the month of our Annual Meeting. This is when we look back over our last year then look forward to the coming year. I also take the opportunity to thank all the people who work incredibly hard behind the scenes and without them there would be no WI. Our meeting is on May 21.

Our meetings over the next few months are:

|           |  |
|-----------|--|
| June 18   | How to age well with Maria Fernandez               |
| July 16   | Helen Wiseman, water colour artist and illustrator |
| August 20 | A Potted History of the WI with Jan Curtis         |

For members, we also have Crafternoon, Ladies Who Lunch and our Wanderers walking group most months, plus a Cinema Club when any good movies take our fancy.

We also have access to many events through the Federation of Essex WIs where we can meet up with many members across the county and enjoy walks, talks and workshops too. Through the National Federation we can access a marvelous selection of topics and courses through our online learning facility, VIA.

All of this and more just by being a member, and we accept members throughout the year, and you can be sure of a warm welcome – plus, if you are lucky, some delicious cake.



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

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## Uttlesford is to Host a First-Ever “Big Green Festival” for Climate Action.

**Uttlesford District Council** and **Sustainable Uttlesford** have officially launched a week-long celebration scheduled to run from **June 6 to the 14th**.

The festival aims to showcase community-led climate action and practical sustainability initiatives across the region. With over 20 events already in the works, the programme will cover a wide array of environmental themes, including nature recovery, clean energy, and the circular economy. The festival features a diverse mix of hands-on activities and high-profile discussions at various venues across the district:

**“Looking Back”, Launch June 5:** A pre-festival event in **Saffron Walden** will kick off the week by celebrating Uttlesford’s existing achievements in nature recovery and community energy.

**Rivers and Chalk Streams, June 10:** Held in **Great Dunmow**, this programme includes a round-table discussion on river catchment management and the premiere of a new short film focused on local river restoration projects.

**Screening of the National Emergency Briefing, Saffron Walden Town Hall June 11:** Showing of the presentation by leading experts of the latest evidence on the climate and nature crisis.

**“Looking Forward – Imaginarium”, June 12:** A creative evening at **Saffron Hall** bringing together artists and young people to imagine future pathways for a sustainable district.

**Energy and Solar Tours, June 13:** Located in **Stansted**, this event offers talks, supplier stands, and guided tours of community buildings equipped with solar power.

Throughout the festival local village organisations (including some in **Elsenham**) will be hosting their own environmental events. For a full calendar of events please use the calendar link below:

<https://www.uttlesford.gov.uk/article/9990/The-Uttlesford-Big-Green-Festival>

Throughout the week, residents can participate in workshops, repair cafés, green fairs, and nature walks. Organisers are still encouraging local groups and businesses to register interest in hosting stalls or activities via the [Uttlesford Council website](#).

Cllr Neil Reeve, Chair of Sustainable Uttlesford, stated that the festival is a “wonderful chance to celebrate the creativity” of local residents and hopes it will inspire others to find practical ways to make a difference.

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## ELSENHAM EAGLES (Elsenham Action Group for Local Environmental Sustainability)

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We had an 'Ask the EAGLES' for good things to share for this month, so here it is (the garden was the favourite topic):

**No Mow May:** Plantlife are encouraging people to hold off mowing to benefit biodiversity in their gardens. You can always leave a strip or corner unmown if a total no-mow is a bit much for you, and selectively weed any you don't want to spread while leaving the rest. Likely you may not need to hear: to provide pollen for bees, insects, have a place for the lepidoptera (butterflies and co) to lay eggs, a place for amphibians and slow worms to hide in and find the insect food that will thrive.

<https://www.plantlife.org.uk/campaigns/nomowmay/>

A local nature recovery strategy is in place for Essex and Uttlesford District Council's recent biodiversity duty report can be found on the UDC website.

Rather than using chemicals, encouraging beneficial insects (e.g. to eat aphids) can keep the balance needed for pest species - a log pile, place they can over winter and planting to attract beneficial species can help

<https://www.gardenorganic.org.uk/expert-advice/how-to-grow/how-to-grow-flowers/flowers-to-attract-beneficial-insects>

We have a fabulous nursery for any plants very nearby in Mole Hill Green if feeling green fingered and environmentally friendly – Perrys – or Chapel End Nursery. Don't forget when cutting hedges it is illegal to disturb nesting birds, so check if any are there and hold off until they are finished or consider doing this outside of the main nesting bird season March – August inclusive. The RSPB recommend low disturbance visual inspections for droppings, fresh material and debris from building, watching for 15 – 30 minutes from a distance and listening for sounds e.g. chicks. Chicks typically fledge after 4 – 6 weeks, but this can vary and some species may reuse old nests.

Check out the community garden on Isabel Drive if you haven't already and get involved if you wish – there may be the potential for taking home some of the bounty.

Off topic from plants, gardens and nature - on the road the Department of Energy recommend that switching off your engine rather than allowing idling would have the same impact as taking a good number of vehicles off the road. So that would save pennies as well as the air quality if we remembered to do it a little more.

If you would like to take part in some of the group's activities and work [elsenhams.action@btinternet.com](mailto:elsenhams.action@btinternet.com) is the email and meetings are open to all (currently held in the Bowls Club).

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## Chris Vince, Harlow MP runs London Marathon for St Clare Hospice

The London Marathon on Sunday April 26, had a mix of nine seasoned and first-time marathon runners hoping to raise a combined £15,000 for St Clare Hospice. This amazing figure could cover the cost of 48 hours of specialist, round the clock care on the charity's Inpatient Unit.

Among those taking on the 26.2 mile challenge was Harlow MP Chris Vince, who visited St Clare Hospice recently to collect his official 'team St Clare' running vest.

Chris told the St Clare fundraising team that training has become an important part of his routine, with beautiful river runs proving a highlight. His fundraising efforts are continuing and Chris has a personal target of £2,500. If you would like to sponsor Chris Vince, you can do so at [St Clare Hospice: Chris Vince's Marathon](#)

Chris said: "This is my first time running a marathon, but I am very excited about running it, particularly as I am doing it to support such an important local cause as St Clare. I know how much of a difference they make day in day out to the people of Harlow and the villages. I don't have any specific time in mind, in training I have been very slow, but I am just determined to run the whole way around."

Rosie Knowles, Deputy CEO of St Clare Hospice, said: "We're incredibly grateful to Chris, and to all the runners supporting St Clare at the London Marathon this year. A marathon is an enormous physical and mental challenge and choosing to take it on for our hospice means a great deal. At a time when demand for our care is increasing and funding is difficult for hospices across the UK, the money raised will help ensure we can continue to provide compassionate support to local people facing the hardest moments of their lives. Every pound and every step truly make a difference."



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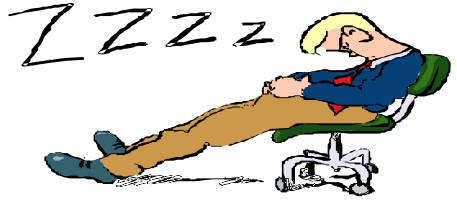
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## The Robin Hood

"The Robin Hood" public house in, surprise, surprise Robin Hood Road is sadly no longer an Inn. Once the spiritual home of the also gone, but never forgotten Elsenham Football Club. Sorry to say the demise of the Village's Eleven contributed to its demise. Our own "footy" boys drank the pub dry on at least one occasion. Their disbanding was a great lost to Ernie and Rennee Atkinson's income.

Now to mention Renee Atkinson and not to comment on her gastronomic delights would be a sad thing. The "Hood" was also the home of the local darts team. Half-way through a match against a visiting team Renee would appear with a tray groaning under the weight of her signature dish, "The onion sandwich." These sandwiches were just ONIONS. I never found a trace of butter or any other lubricant. The thinking was if one imbibed heavily on mine host's fare one would buy copious quantities of BEER.

However, these aforementioned sandwiches had an unfortunate side effect. Firstly, the pub had a low ceiling and room was somewhat restricted. After about 30 minutes the fumes issuing from a vast quantity of eats would become almost unbearable! Then, a little later one would encounter multiple persons all having extreme bowel movements, say no more.

Next time the "Crown" Inn. There, one customer had a pint of beer with a pickled onion in it!

Cheers and Beers.

Ray  
Franklin

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

Grow gorgeous zinnias! Sow 0.5cm deep where they are to grow. A warm sunny spot is best. Keep well-watered and weed free. These summer-flowering annuals will provide a showy display all summer.



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***“I’ve come to talk with you again.”***

Paul Simon

Who wouldn’t enjoy an afternoon in good company listening to the soulful sounds of Paul Simon? Such was the very pleasant task of the Poetry Group, as they listened to and discussed just how poetical Paul Simon’s lyrics are. His most famous lines: *“Hello Darkness my old friend, I’ve come to talk with you again”*, certainly seem to qualify.

Simon’s gentle, plaintive voice sparked a most satisfying discussion for the group. The tea and biscuits were top notch too! Future group topics include the poetry of Americans Walt Whitman and Billy Collins, as well as Zimbabwean poet Batsirai Chigma.

At the Saturday Seminar, David Morson asked whether Donald Trump and Elon Musk are the logical consequence of globalisation. The large audience enjoyed a stimulating, well-researched examination of an important current topic, all laced with humour, Trump and Starmer masks, a touch of mimicry and real insight. Also at the monthly meeting, Andrew Baker, a teacher for over 40 years and now an author on British Politics, traced the impact of ‘The Profumo Affair’ on society with comparisons to modern ‘outrages’. He concluded, somewhat poignantly that after the affair a chastened Profumo dedicated himself utterly to service, as a volunteer at Toynbee Hall, a charitable institution addressing the impact of poverty in the east end of London.

The next Saturday Seminar on 9<sup>th</sup> May will see the return of historian Dr Hugh Doherty discussing ‘The Anarchy’, a very bloody period in English history (1135 - 1154), after the death of Henry I.

Remember, if you fancy a philosophical think, tucking in to pub grub or unwinding with a Sunday walk, to name only three possibilities, check the u3a website and click on ‘groups’ at the top for these and a host of other enjoyable pursuits, or for more information ring Julie Cook on 07874 385541.

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# THE AUBREY BUXTON NATURE RESERVE

By John Welham, Warden

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If left unattended our meadow areas would quite quickly turn to scrub as the willow, birch and hawthorn trees are ever trying to establish themselves in these areas. This would be the first stage of these areas gradually transforming into woodland. In the absence of large herbivores to eat these trees as they start growing, the meadows quickly become populated with thin tree whips growing up to 5 feet high within a season. So, it is our job at the end of every summer to mow the meadow areas and remove the cuttings. However, cutting them back every year doesn't stop the development of the roots and a root ball which forms a lump above ground and can catch and damage the blades on our mower. To tackle this issue the last two work parties have concentrated on digging up and removing willows root and stem.



This proved to be no easy task as even a modest willow whip proved to have a very substantial root. This quickly turned into a competition to see who could remove the longest root intact. In the photograph EWT volunteer Mike Wagstaff holds up his winning willow root. The thin stems that were the only part visible above ground can be seen on his left-hand side.

It was also the occasion of another volunteer John Lockton's 70<sup>th</sup> birthday so at tea break we had some fizz. This boosted morale and then it was back to work with the spades and mattocks.

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# NEWPORT & DISTRICT FLOWER CLUB

By Sandra Honour, Programme Secretary

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Our March workshop was a great success with 20 members and visitors carefully following Lorraine Gagen's instructions on how to create a crescent arrangement. All materials were provided including containers, flowers and foliage but it was amazing to see so many different interpretations.

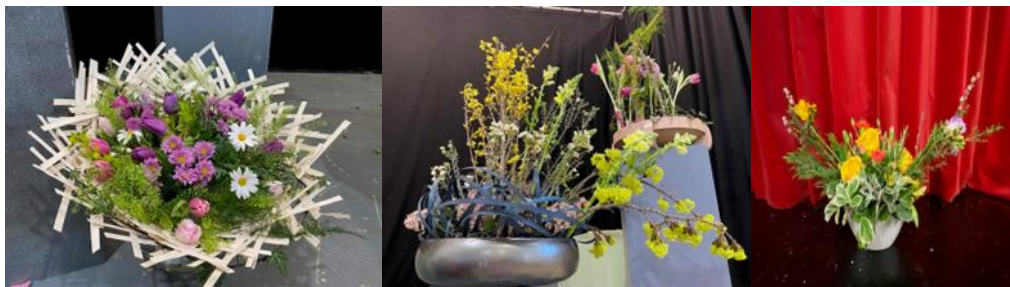
Once our displays were complete, Lorraine showed us to how to 'manipulate' leaves to create interesting forms that can be used on their own or within arrangements. We all managed to produce a cone using a large aspidistra leaf into which a single bloom such as a rose could be added but the plaiting of a palm leaf remained a challenge for most of us – much laughter ensued, however, as we all tried our best. More practice needed!

Later that month, some club members attended the Cambridge Group of Flower Clubs Spring meeting at Chesterford Community Centre where the renowned Morgan-Douglas Nuth demonstrated his 'Botanical Flair' using some very original mechanics such as cardboard cat scratchers and plaster of Paris bandages!

As already reported, April 15 was our AGM and our next club meeting will be on the evening of May 17 where we welcome, for the first time, Julie Richardson, all the way from the Isle of Wight with her demonstration 'Night at the Movies'.

Visitors are always welcome and we are delighted that several have now joined as members. To contact us, please use the NEW email address shown above and follow us on Facebook.

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By Ken McDonald, Secretary

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The Romans introduced wine making to the UK and vines were cultivated to some extent until World War I when land was needed for growing food.

Viticulture (the process of growing grapes) began to revive in the 1970s with warmer summers and the development of grape varieties suited to English conditions. Today, we have several successful vineyards in The Hundred Parishes.

One of the first was Chilford Hall in Linton parish. It was run by the Alper family for 50 years before changing hands in 2024. The new owners continue to manage the 20-acre vineyard alongside their Grillo Outdoor Kitchen business.

In Great Bardfield, Great Lodge produces its own wines from six different grape varieties. The vineyard is open to visitors midweek from May to September and there is also a wedding venue on site. Website: <https://www.greatlodge.co.uk/vineyard/>

In Farnham, Hazel End Farm has been growing grapes for over thirty years. Their sparkling white wine is sold as Three Squirrels. This celebrates the fact that the Gosling family who own the land once had a bank in Fleet Street where a sign above the door read “Ye Three Squirrels”. Website: <https://www.corylet.com/>

In Saffron Walden, the first vines were planted at Saffron Grange in 2008. The family business is now well established, producing white sparkling wines and offering vineyard tours for small groups from mid-April. Website: <https://www.saffrongrange.com/>

In Stansted Mountfitchet, a new vineyard was planted in 2021 on a south-facing slope (pictured). The first grapes were harvested in 2023 and wine from the Gunyah Vineyard is now on sale. Website: <https://www.thegunyahvineyard.com/>. This vineyard can be seen across the valley from Hundred Parishes walk number 137.



Another vineyard has appeared in recent years in Henham – and there may be others. Please email [hundredparishes@btinternet.com](mailto:hundredparishes@btinternet.com) if you find any more.

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# ST MARY'S CHURCH ELSENHAM

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## Thought For The Month by Peter Tibbott

Other than pigeons and seagulls, I am terrible at identifying birds. Being a 'twitcher' was never my thing, nor, I expect, will it ever be.

But in the last couple of weeks our family has enjoyed watching a little blackbird family who have set up their home in one of our garden bushes. Yes, I had to rely on my wife's googling abilities to identify which bird was 'mum' and which was 'dad'. Yes, I have nodded enthusiastically when people have said "wow, that's incredibly early for baby blackbirds?! March?!" as if I thought the same when my son discovered the nest.

Even for a bird novice like me, seeing the little fledglings (I know the right term now!) hopping out of the nest and being fed by their parents has been a joy to watch.

When Jesus was going about his work, he often taught people using pictures from the natural world. One such lesson saw Jesus say this:

*"Look at the birds of the air; they do not sow or reap or store away in barns, and yet your heavenly Father feeds them. Are you not much more valuable than they?" (Matthew 6:26)*

Our blackbirds can testify to this. We've done nothing to provide for them; nor have they really worked for their bed and board. Yet God loves them enough that he gives them food and shelter. How much more does he love us?

This verse comes immediately after Jesus tells them not to worry:

*"Do not worry about your life, what you will eat or drink; or about your body, what you will wear. Is not life more than food and the body more than clothes?" (Matthew 6:25)*

But this is not a lesson in 'let go and let God', as if we're called to a life of passivity. Jesus knew the hearts of his hearers better than they knew themselves. He knows we all crave riches. We all seek after treasure, which is the warning in previous verses (Matthew 6:20-21).

Instead, Jesus says, cast your gaze elsewhere. See that God possesses all the earth; his riches are beyond comparison and comprehension:

*"Seek first his kingdom and his righteousness and all these things will be given to you as well" (Matthew 6:33)*

Jesus is not saying that being a Christian means you will be financially rich in this life (that is called 'prosperity gospel' - not the message of Jesus). He is saying instead that God is the true treasure our hearts were made to long for. We were made to receive his provision, not to earn it. I'm sure that was as counter-cultural back then as it is now. But for those who accept what he says, it means we do not need to worry about what tomorrow will bring.

Just as our blackbirds do not worry about their fledglings, their nests, their food or their futures. So we're to cast our eyes beyond God's provision to seek after the God who provides. He is, after all, our greatest treasure.

## CHURCH EVENTS IN OUR VILLAGES MAY 2026

### Church Services

#### Sunday 3<sup>rd</sup> May

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

#### Sunday 10<sup>th</sup> May

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

#### Sunday 17<sup>th</sup> May

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

#### Sunday 24<sup>th</sup> May

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

#### Sunday 31<sup>st</sup> May

- 08:45** Prayer Book Holy Communion,  
Elsenham Church  
**10:00** Holy Communion,  
Ugley Church  
**10:30** Morning Praise Service,  
Elsenham Village Hall  
**16:00** Time to Remember Service,  
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**Pathfinders (Y6-Y9)**  
**Henham Church 6.00pm - leave from service to meet in the New Church Hall, Henham.** Sundays: 3<sup>rd</sup>, 10<sup>th</sup> & 17<sup>th</sup>  
**Crammin' (Y10-Y13)**  
**Henham Church 6.00pm – leave from service to meet in the New Church Hall, Henham.** Sundays: 3<sup>rd</sup>, 10<sup>th</sup> & 17<sup>th</sup>

#### MID-WEEK AND SATURDAY:

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**Old Frank's, Elsenham 9.30am**  
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**Seekers After School Bible Club**  
**(Y3-Y4) Old Frank's 3.20pm**  
Mondays: 11<sup>th</sup> & 18<sup>th</sup>  
**Christian Play (Y1-Y2)**  
**Rowan House, Elsenham 3.15pm**  
Tuesdays: 5<sup>th</sup>, 12<sup>th</sup> & 19<sup>th</sup>  
**Explorers (Y4-Y6)**  
**New Church Hall, Henham 3.30pm**  
Wednesday: 6<sup>th</sup>, 13<sup>th</sup> & 20<sup>th</sup>  
**Little Fishes Pre-School Group**  
**New Church Hall, Henham 9.15am**  
Thursday: 7<sup>th</sup>, 14<sup>th</sup> & 21<sup>st</sup>  
**Little Fishes Pre-School Group**  
**Elsenham Memorial Hall 10.00am**  
Fridays: 1<sup>st</sup>, 8<sup>th</sup>, 15<sup>th</sup> & 22<sup>nd</sup>  
**Church Lunch Club**  
**Elsenham Memorial Hall 12.30pm**  
Fridays: (2<sup>nd</sup> & 4<sup>th</sup> Friday of the month): 8<sup>th</sup> & 22<sup>nd</sup>

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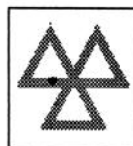
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# ELSENHAM BOWLS AND SOCIAL CLUB

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By David Thomas

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Our focus over the past few weeks has been to get the club ready for the start of the new season. The green opened on April 24 when the president sent the first wood of the season up the green.

Bowls is easy to start, surprisingly tactical, and provides gentle exercise that's great for both body and mind. A game of bowls involves fresh air, light physical activity, concentration and plenty of laughter, all while spending time with friendly people. We have started promoting our open day on May 24 but you do not have to wait until then, please join us any Friday from 6pm at the club.

Don't forget to book your place at our charity evening on May 9 raising funds on behalf of the Essex & Herts Air Ambulance. The Ilford Magic Circle will be joining us for this is a very different evening that will include close up magic tricks and a floor show provided by their members. We are grateful to the Ilford Magic Circle for providing this unusual and rare evening of entertainment to support our charity event. Please book your place early before they disappear! Tickets are available now at £8 for members and £13 for non-members. availability is limited so please call Trevor on 📞 07445 437437 to secure your ticket for the event.

The next Music Night will be on June 20 with the return of Around Midnite, so please save the date in your diary.

Bingo sessions continue during the bowling season but start slightly later at 7:30 for 8:00. The next sessions are on May 16 and June 27.

As of April, our Friday rollups start at 6pm with the social evening continuing for all members from 7pm.

For full details about Elsenham Bowls Club including membership and our opening times please see our website [www.elsenhambc.org.uk](http://www.elsenhambc.org.uk)

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# STANSTED HALL & ELSENHAM CRICKET CLUB

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



The sun is shining and the cricket season looms large. Down at 'The Hall' much work has been done during the close season and we are ready to go. We have a few 'friendlies' ahead of the league fixtures which begin on May 2.

The junior section is raring to go having completed numerous winter net sessions. Fixtures have been arranged in the West Essex District League, a great local league with no motorway travelling.

With apologies very short this month but much to look forward to.

## FROM THE PARISH REGISTERS

**Wedding:** On 11 April 2026 at Henham Church, Richard Anthony John and Elisabeth Ruth Sarah Susannah Orange.

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

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## TELL ME EVERYTHING BY ELIZABETH STROUT

Reviewed by Sarah Alder for Elsenham Book Group



'It's autumn in Maine, and the town lawyer Bob Burgess has become enmeshed in an unfolding murder investigation, defending a lonely, isolated man accused of killing his mother. He has also fallen into a deep and abiding friendship with the acclaimed writer, Lucy Barton, who lives nearby in a house next to the sea. Together, Lucy and Bob talk about their lives, their hopes and regrets, and what might have been. Lucy, meanwhile, befriends one of Crosby's longest inhabitants, Olive Kitteridge, now living in a retirement community on the edge of town. They spend afternoons together in Olive's apartment, telling each other stories. Stories about people they have known – "unrecorded lives," Olive calls them – reanimating them, and, in the process, imbuing their lives with meaning...' So says the blurb on the back of the book.

### **Stunning, deeply felt and profoundly intelligent** *The Guardian*

The Amazon AI says: Customers find this book to be a wonderful read with beautiful storytelling that explores ordinary everyday dramas. They praise the writing style, character development, and fascinating relationships, with one customer noting how the author delves into the human mind. The book receives positive feedback for its pacing and moving narrative, though opinions on its readability are mixed, with some finding it engaging while others describe it as boring.

This was the choice of the book group this month.

This was not a popular book, many book club members found it too slow, with insufficient plot and based around the very mundane activities of quite dull people. Bob was the redeeming feature of the book for some. His strong friendship with Lucy (and the sneaky cigarette, just one, that he has on their walks), his valiant attempts to maintain his relationship with his brother and his perceptiveness about his pastor wife and her relationship with her congregation. He is a compassionate man, not just for family and friends but more widely. He waters down the gin so the lonely old lady doesn't drink too much, and the way he takes on the case of the guy who is accused of murder is heart-warming. He doesn't just provide legal defence, he supports him and helps him deal with it.

If you are a fan of Elizabeth Strout books then you will undoubtedly enjoy this. Lots of the characters (Bob, his brother, Lucy and of course Olive) have appeared in others of her books. And it would probably make it a more engaging read if you'd read all or some of those. If not, then read Olive Kitteridge instead (or see the excellent TV adaptation starring Frances McDormand).

If you want something with a bit more plot and action, try Gabriel's Moon by William Boyd. It's got spies, love affairs, travel to Cold War Communist states and it keeps you guessing about who's a goodie and who isn't.



Now it is getting warmer and brighter, we are all getting excited about summer being on the way. Why not come out and celebrate by visiting our **village Farmers Market on Saturday 30<sup>th</sup> May 12.30-2.30pm?**

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

Our sellers can vary from month to month, and their products can also be seasonal, but the quality is always tip top and there is something for everyone. So, if you haven't been for a while, do pop by. We are open from **12.30-2.30pm**. You will not be disappointed.

If you are not sure there will be anything you want, come for a coffee and cake and look at the produce at the same time, it's a win, win!

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

These are the dates for the rest of 2026: -

**JUNE 27**  
**JULY 25**  
**AUGUST 29**  
**SEPTEMBER 26**  
**OCTOBER 31**  
**NOVEMBER 28 (*all things festive*)**

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

We look forward to seeing you.

Best wishes  
Elsenham Farmers Market Team

## COOKERY CORNER

By Sue Johnson ☎ 812704

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This is a really tasty, not too expensive, easy supper dish. Delicious served with tender stem broccoli, roasted parsnips and potatoes.

### **PORK FILLETS WITH CITRUS AND CIDER SAUCE (serves 4)**

**2 pork fillets, about 11oz (300g) each**

**8 ready to eat dried apricots**

**Salt and black pepper**

½ teaspoon ground cinnamon or mixed spice

12 rashers streaky bacon

Oil for greasing

1 tablespoon plain flour

7 fl oz (200ml) dry cider

Juice of 1 large orange

Juice of 1 lemon

1 tablespoon clear honey

Orange and lemon slices to serve, optional

Preheat the oven to 190°C/170°C fan/Gas Mark 5. Put the pork fillets on a meat chopping board and pound with a rolling pin to flatten slightly. Spoon the fruit into the centre of one fillet, season and sprinkle with half the spice. Lay the second fillet on top.

Stretch the bacon rashers using the back of a knife and place in a line on a board. Put the pork lengthways onto the rashers and wrap them around the meat, crossing on top. Secure with cocktail sticks.

Put the pork into a lightly oiled roasting tin and roast for 20 minutes. Turn the pork over and cook for a further 25 minutes or until cooked through. Transfer to a serving plate, cover with foil, then leave to rest for 10 minutes. Remove the cocktail sticks.

Meanwhile, pour about 4 tablespoons of the meat juices into a small pan. Sprinkle in the flour and cook, stirring for 1-2 minutes. Add the cider, fruit juices, honey and remaining spice, then season. Bring to the boil, stirring until thickened, carve the meat and serve with the sauce and citrus fruit slices, if liked.

**CHEF'S TIP:** Pork fillet is a lean cut of meat and will dry out if you cook it for too long. Cover with foil as it cooks if necessary.

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## UPCOMING EVENTS

|   |                        |
|---|------------------------|
| <i>Picnic at the Community Garden</i>     | <i>June 7</i>          |
| <i>Bowls Club Energy Saving Show Case</i> | <i>June 10, 12, 14</i> |
| <i>Go Green at Gorsefield</i>             | <i>June 14</i>         |
| <i>History Society Meeting</i>            | <i>June 10</i>         |
| <i>Bowls and Social Club Music Night</i>  | <i>June 20</i>         |
| <i>Charity Village Bake Off</i>           | <i>June 28</i>         |

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