

Elsenham News



Christmas Market
Elsenham
27 November 2021

elsenhamsnews@hotmail.co.uk

November 2021

75p where sold

Elsenham Village Regular Monthly or Quarterly Activities

Parish Council 1st **Monday** of month 8pm (2nd Monday on Bank Holidays) Memorial Hall
 Community Choir 1st & 3rd Tuesdays of the month 7pm Village Hall
 Henham & District Garden Society 1st **Tuesday** of month 2.30 - 4pm Memorial Hall
 Life Drawing 2nd **Tuesday** of month 7.30 - 9.30pm Village Hall
 Village Café Coffee 2nd & 4th **Tuesday** 9.30 - 11.30am Bowls & Social Club
 Village History Society 1st **Wednesday** of month quarterly 7.45pm Memorial Hall
 Village Café Tea 1st & 3rd **Thursday** 2 - 4pm Memorial Hall
 Church lunch club 2nd & 4th Friday of the month 12.30pm Memorial Hall

Regular Weekly Activities

Day	Time	Activity	Location
Monday	9.30-10.30am	Zumba	Memorial Hall
	10.30am	Health walk	Start at De Mandeville Green
	7-8.30pm	Guides	Village Hall (term-time)
	7.30-8.30pm	Shape to the beat	Memorial Hall (not 1st Monday)
Tuesday	4.45-5.45pm	Rainbows	Memorial Hall (term-time)
	6-7.30pm	Brownies	Memorial Hall (term-time)
	8-10.30pm	Tennis Club night	Tennis Courts
	8pm	Fitness Yoga/Pilates	Memorial Hall
Wednesday	9.45-11.30am	Tots & Toddlers	Memorial Hall (term-time)
	5.30-7.30pm	Slimming World	Memorial Hall
	5.45-6.45pm	Beavers	Village Hall (term-time)
	7-9pm	Scouts	Village Hall (term-time)
Thursday	9.30-11am	Slimming World	Memorial Hall
	6.30-7.45pm	Cubs	Village Hall (term-time)
Friday	10-11am	Little Fishes	Memorial Hall (term-time)
	5.45-6.45pm	Beavers Group 2	Village Hall (term-time)
Saturday	9am-12pm	Junior Football	Playing Field

November diary

Mon 1	Parish Council Meeting	Memorial Hall 8pm
Tues 2	Henham & District Garden Society	Memorial Hall 2.30pm
Tues 2 & 16	Elsenham Community Choir	Village Hall 7-8.30pm
Thurs 4 & 18	Village Café Afternoon Tea	Memorial Hall 2 - 4pm
Sat 6	Bingo	Bowls & Social Club 7 for 7.30pm
Tues 9 & 23	Village Café Coffee Morning	Bowls & Social Club 9.30am
Tues 9	Life Drawing	Village Hall 7.30pm
Fri 12 & 26	Church Lunch Club	Memorial Hall 12.30pm
Sat 13	Act of Remembrance	Memorial Garden 10.45am
Sat 13	Tennis Club Quiz	Bowls & Social Club 7.30 for 8pm
Thurs 18	Elsenham WI	Memorial Hall 7.45pm
Sat 20	Bingo	Bowls & Social Club 7 for 7.30pm
Sat 27	Elsenham Christmas Market	Various see p29

THE NEWS REPORT

From The Editors



Welcome to the November edition of *Elsenham News*, packed with articles and adverts as usual.

End of the road for Elsenham News?

As announced last month, the current *Elsenham News* team is stepping down at the end of the year, so there will be a December issue but unless people come forward to form a new team, there will be no more magazine.

Can you help? There's a range of tasks that need to be done each month: talking to advertisers, checking that articles have been emailed in and responding to questions, making sure there are enough deliverers for all the rounds, editing the articles and producing the finished magazine. If there's something you think you can help with, please contact Allan Hathaway at the community association who is leading the hunt for a new team, email ✉ allanhathaway@sky.com

Someone asked why all the team is leaving – there's nothing to read in to that. One of the team has just started at university and the other three of us have been involved for about 15 years, so it's just coincidence and changing circumstances.

Christmas Market

Festive stall holders are filling BOTH the Village Hall and the Memorial Hall for the Elsenham Christmas Market on Saturday 27 November between 2pm – 9pm. Leatherworkers, Christmas cards, quilt makers, festive decorations, delicious artisan panettone and much, much more...providing wonderful locally-made Christmas gift ideas for all ages. See p29.

There will be a tea and cake café in the Memorial Hall, offered by Coco Fleur, a village-based cake maker and the outside market on the playing field car park will have local favourites Waffle + Co, Serve and The Noodle & Dumpling Bar.

The local Scout troop is hosting a mulled wine and cider tent in the outside market with a seating area for visitors to enjoy the foodie delights! Both tennis and bowls clubs will be opening their doors/court on the day adding further interest for visitors.

Happy reading, see you next month,

The Editors

Regular features


100 Parishes	33	History Society	21
Book review	39	Natural Outlook	31
Church letter	26	Parish Council	9
Church Calendar	27	Ray's Reflections	41
Cookery Corner	49	Scouting news	23
Development Developments	17	Sports clubs	45/47
		Women's Institute	35



**CROFT
TURKEYS**

TRADITIONAL FARM FRESH BRONZE TURKEYS
FED WITH HOME GROWN CORN
TO ORDER YOUR OVEN READY TURKEY, PLEASE CONTACT:
CHRIS MIZEN
THAXTED (01371) 831033
MOBILE 07702048457
LOVES FARM, CUTLERS GREEN, THAXTED, ESSEX

**Elsenham Tennis Club
Quiz Night**



**Saturday, 13 November 2021
7.30 for 8.00pm start
at the Bowls Club**

*Ploughman's Supper
Raffle and Licensed Bar*

Bookings in advance to:
Petra Studholme 01279-814667
or even better: mail@elsenhامتennisclub.co.uk

£8 per head / brain and 8 per table please



**ALSA WOOD FARM
CHRISTMAS TREES**
alsawoodfarm.co.uk

OPEN FROM
THURSDAY 25TH NOVEMBER
Every day except Wednesday

★ **OPEN 9AM - 4PM** ★

FRESH, LOCALLY GROWN TREES
Choose and Cut, Ready Cut, Wreaths



Alsa Wood, off Alsa Street, Stansted CM24 8SX
alsawoodfarm@gmail.com

LETTERS TO THE EDITORS

Letters must contain the author's name and address (which may be withheld). The Editors reserve the right to allow replies to letters/articles to be made in the same magazine when appropriate. The Editors' decision is final.



Dear Villagers

Help putting up the Christmas Tree

Every year Options Hair Design puts up an 18ft Christmas Tree outside the salon. This is paid for entirely by the salon. By nature of the size of the tree this is a very physical task. Please can I ask for at least two volunteers who would be willing to give up a couple of hours of their time on Sunday 28 November from 11am-1pm to help us erect the tree and decorate it. The task involves digging a four foot hole, adding guide ropes to the tree and securing into the green, these all have to be marked up for Health and Safety, plus putting on about 400 lights and connecting the electricity.

If you would like to volunteer, please call Ann on ☎07957 166436. Thank you.

Dear Editors

Elsenham News

Firstly, I would like to thank you for your time and effort to produce this village magazine. I have always read it from cover to cover since moving here 26 years ago. I recollect once at the village fete, when feedback was being requested by David Newland, it transpired that one monthly contribution was ALWAYS read by half of those asked and NEVER read by the other half. Which shows how the magazine has something to offer all of the villagers and one size never fits all.

Secondly, I implore residents to consider offering their services to ensure the magazine continues. Contributing towards village life is worthwhile and enjoyable.

Petrina Lees

Editors' note: Thank you Petrina, we have enjoyed working on the magazine. So far there are no firm plans in place for it to continue after the December issue. If anyone can help, please contact Allan Hathaway, ✉allanhathaway@sky.com or get in touch with the magazine.



Mobile library visits Elsenham. Visitors are restricted in numbers so you may have to queue. Face coverings must be worn.

Place: Glebe End. Time: 11.50am to 12.20pm

Day: Thursdays:

Dates: 18 November 2021 and 9 December 2021



Nourishing You Cognitive Behavioural Therapy Here to Help You Find Balance



My name is Suzy Colson and I am a BABCP accredited Cognitive Behavioural Therapist offering a friendly and compassionate space to explore difficulties such as anxiety and depression. I am offering remote therapy currently via video or telephone. Please get in touch if you feel like CBT might be helpful for you. You can do this through visiting my website, Instagram, email or equally by giving me a call.

[@nourishingyoucbt](#)

suzycolsoncbt@gmail.com

07415 835014

www.nourishingyoucbt.co.uk



LOGS LOGS LOGS

- Well seasoned hard wood
- Transit load / bulk builder bag
- Cut to fire size

Call today ☎ 01279 718555

Or email ✉ dar13@mail.com

Spellbrook Garden Design

DRIVEWAY & GARDEN DESIGN

- ✓ Decorative Walling and Fencing
- ✓ Patios & Paths
- ✓ Block paving, Tarmac and Gravelling
- ✓ Decking
- ✓ Turfing, Garden design and build
- ✓ Stone cleaning

spellbrookgardendesign.simdif.com

Tel: 07799 603089/ 01279 503936 / 0800 696 5257

Westwoods, London Rd, Spellbrook CM23 4AH



AID FOR ROMANIA

The October lorry left on 21st and hopefully has arrived safely as it has to clear EU customs. We are now collecting for the spring lorry.

Some of the goods will be given free to needy families in Mărășești as nominated by the local Baptist church and the town mayor, with the remainder sold through our charity shop with proceeds helping the same poor sections of the population with health, education and improving their terrible housing conditions.

We are wanting the following:

- **Summer** clothes and shoes for adults and children (under 3yrs must be new).
- Single and Z beds with mattresses (sturdy iron or wooden framed beds are very desirable - no divans).
- Bed sheets, pillows, duvets and blankets (single and double). Towels, toiletries (incl loo rolls), umbrellas and rugs.
- Building and workshop tools (also some types of gardening tools and sturdy wheelbarrows).
- Surplus school tables (must be 2ft clearance underneath ie not infant) and stack-able and adult size chairs (please ask any contact with a local school or village hall who are/maybe re-furbishing).
- Small sturdy chest of drawers (not flat pack built as these do not survive the five day truck journey to Romania), bedside cabinets, folding tables. Irons and ironing boards.
- Kitchen items (crockery, cutlery, utensils, pots/pans, especially big sizes, preserving pans).
- Wheelchairs, crutches, walking sticks, zimmers. **Bikes – adult sizes only** as I have loads of children's bikes waiting to be re-furbished.
- Bandages and dressings (*absolutely NO pills, medicines or creams*). Rucksacks and holdalls (must be in good condition).
- **Costume jewellery**. Suitcases - but not the old 'cardboard' types.
- Footballs, small toys such as push-along cars, cuddly toys etc (no big toys as these cause much jealousy!).
- Ear defenders for the manual workers and high-viz vests/jackets.
- Cash donations for the cost of the lorry as it now costs more to send since we must clear customs in Holland.

If you have any of the above please bring these to: 1 Hall Close, Henham during November.

Contact Richard Peake first on ☎ 850374 to arrange delivery.



All types of double glazing repairs, maintenance & installations, including emergency callouts. At replaceglaze.com we provide a reputable, family-run double glazing repair & installation service.

Our services include:

- Double glazing installations, repairs & maintenance
- Aluminium, composite & uPVC installations
- Windows & door handles
- Locks & hinges
- Mistled units
- Patio door wheels
- Door adjustments & lubrication
- Aluminium bifolding doors
- Composite doors
- Aluminium/uPVC roof lanterns



01279 282997 01371 701000

info@replaceglaze.com www.replaceglaze.com

[replaceglaze](https://www.instagram.com/replaceglaze)




Call for your free quote
07960 941 138

AREAS COVERED

Elsenham
Bishop's Stortford
Harlow
Cambridge
and everywhere in between

ELECTRICAL SERVICES


- Installations
- Maintenance
- Fault-Finding
- New Consumer Units
- and much more...

contact@tdcelectrical.com www.tdcelectrical.com



S. PERRY

CHAPEL END NURSERY



**NEW STOCK: ROSES, SHRUBS, TREES, HEDGING
FRUIT TREES AND BUSHES
WINTER PANSIES, WALLFLOWERS, SPRING BULBS**

WATER SOFTENER SALT TABLETS 25kg £9.95 EACH	Christmas Trees available from Late November	GODWIN'S MULTIPURPOSE COMPOST 60 Litre Bag £5.75 EACH 3 For £14.50
--	---	---

WE ARE HERE



Mr FOTHERGILLS SEEDS
**BUY 5 PACKETS GET
CHEAPEST PACKET FREE**

OPEN 9am to 5 pm
MONDAY TO SATURDAY (CLOSED SUNDAYS)
MOLEHILL GREEN ROAD
BROXTED DUNMOW ESSEX CM6 2BW
01279 850771
www.chapelendnurserysperry.co.uk

**VEGETABLE PLANTS
BASKET & TUB PLANTS**

**ALPINES
HERBACEOUS
HERBS
ROSES
SHRUBS**

**POND PLANTS
AQUATIC COMPOST
GODWIN'S COMPOST
WILD BIRD FOOD
SUNDRIES**

ELSENHAM PARISH COUNCIL 4 OCTOBER 2021

By Louise Johnson, Clerk. ✉ louise.epc@gmail.com ☎ 07456 791727



Frances Lambert has stepped down from the Parish Council after ten years as a councillor. The Parish Council thanks her for all her time and dedication to Elsenham. Frances served on many committees and working groups including, Finance, Planning, Communication and Playing field. Frances was also behind the inspiration of the raised and diamond flowerbeds which were installed for the Queen's diamond jubilee.

People are still walking their dogs on the Elsenham playing field. Please remember that dogs are not allowed on the playing field; this includes the road and car parks.

Uttlesford District Council has now agreed with David Wilson Homes developers that a percentage of the Section 106 payment towards the cost of maintaining the Isabel Drive play area can be used to purchase new play equipment for the children's play area in the playing field.

The courts have rejected Uttlesford District Council's legal challenge against the Stansted Airport planning appeal decision. Over £175,000 has already been spent on defending this planning application. A further £1 million may have to be paid to Stansted Airport for costs.

An onsite meeting was held with Bloor Homes on 1 October 2021. This development is on Henham Road for 350 new homes. There will also be two junior football pitches with changing rooms and a car park, plus children's play areas. Bloor will also be providing a site on their development for a new primary school and early learning provision.

If members of the public want to contact the Parish Clerk, they should do so by either email or telephone. It is not acceptable to approach the Parish Clerk when she is off duty.

A member of the public praised Cllr. Graham Mott on his outstanding performance at the recent Gladman planning application appeal. Cllr Mott had carried out a remarkable amount of research to defend Uttlesford District Council's refusal of the planning application. This application is for another 220 new homes in Bedwell Road.

The Parish Council will be responding to Uttlesford District Council's draft Housing Strategy, stating that there is a shortage of bungalows within the district for both market purchase and affordable rent. The requirement for 5% of properties to be bungalows on new housing developments should be the minimum amount and there should be a mix of bungalows, private, affordable and rented.

The next Parish Council meeting will be 1 November 2021, 8pm in the Memorial Hall.

6 Oak Drive
Elsenham
CB22 6GB



Established
in 2009

Friendly local Accountant
Fixed fee Menu
Monthly Packages to suit everyone

www.sturgessonline.co.uk



Call Roy now on:
01279 817790



**DECORATING SERVICES
ALL ASPECTS OF DIY**

NO JOB TOO SMALL

**For a friendly reliable service
Just Ask.....**

GARY KING

Home : 01279 850001

Mobile : 07951 452602

g.king962@btinternet.com

★ **Clare's** *★* **Gents hairstylist**
@ Rickling Green

★ **Appointments from
7am Mon-Sat**

★ **FREE easy parking**

★ **Fully qualified
& insured**



Call: 01799 542424

Text: 07791 058406

City &
Guilds
Qualified

DISTRICT COUNCILLORS' REPORT

NOVEMBER 2021

By Cllr Lees and Cllr LeCount

✉ Cllrlecount@uttlesford.gov.uk

✉ Cllrlees@uttlesford.gov.uk

☎ 07836 346717

☎ 816675



Uttlesford District Council has appointed a new Chief Executive, Peter Holt, following a recommendation by an Appointments Committee.

Peter has extensive local government and leadership experience, as well as a background in organisational transformation. He has been an independent strategic consultant since April having previously been Assistant Chief Executive and Deputy Monitoring Officer for South Northants Council from 2018.

His appointment follows an extremely thorough recruitment process. We are confident he will be an asset to this council and to the residents of the district, and he took up his position on 4 October.

A planning appraisal of the Planning Department was reported in 2018, which we are afraid wasn't acted upon. We have since then commissioned a full report by the Local Government Agency to compile an up to date 360 degree review of the planning department. Since receiving this report, we have engaged a very experienced interim planning officer to implement those recommendations to transform the department.

We have come to the end of the road regarding our opposition to the expansion of the Airport. We ringfenced the money as soon as we declared a Climate Emergency, so the money for the appeal was budgeted for and services have not been affected. We do not regret the decision to oppose the expansion; we do regret the decision of the judge.

We have our Ward Initiative Fund to help fund projects within our ward, so please do contact us if we can help.

Uttlesford has now referred all the responses to their 'Call for Sites' exercise (300+) to town and parish councils for checking as to accuracy of the descriptions only. The consultation exercise when everyone will be able to have a say comes later.

We have restarted our Councillor Surgeries and the first one will be at Petrina's on 11 November at 6pm at Orwell House, Station Rd Elsenham. As always happy to chat via phone, email, Zoom.

If unable to travel, we are more than happy to visit you if that helps.

Hope to see you at the Remembrance Service to be held on 13 November.

MASKALLS TREE SURGERY

Small family business

Big expertise in trees

Call George

M: 07982 601 570 | T: 01279 819 127

email: george@maskalls.co.uk

www.maskalls.co.uk



All types of tree care & hedge cutting undertaken.
Call for a free estimate.



TAKELEY IRONING & DRY CLEANING

OPENING TIMES
MONDAY - FRIDAY 8AM - 5PM
SATURDAY 8AM TO 12PM

FREE LOCAL COLLECTION & DELIVERY TO YOUR DOOR

Takeley, Elsenham, Henham, Stansted, Felsted, Hatfield Broad Oak, Hatfield Heath, Sheering, Dunmow, Sawbridgeworth, Broxton, Spellbrook, Molehill Green, Broxton, Little Canfield.

- ✓ WASHING & IRONING
- ✓ IN HOUSE DRY CLEANING
- ✓ 48 HOUR SERVICE
- ✓ DUVETS
- ✓ CURTAINS
- ✓ ALTERATIONS
- ✓ WEDDING DRESSES

The Centre, Dunmow Road (Behind Londis)
Takeley, Bishops Stortford
Herts, CM22 6SH

Email: takeleyironing@gmail.com
takeleydrycleaning@gmail.com

Tel: **01279 871245**

Play Equipment for the children's play area.

A few weeks ago, the Parish Council asked for ideas for new equipment that you and your children would like to see in the children's play area. We had a great response, thank you for all your suggestions.

The Parish Council have now secured the funding for refurbishing/improving and possibly extending the play area, and would like to firm up on your ideas so we can decide which actual pieces of equipment to purchase.

We will be using the following three suppliers, these companies are all good value for money and comply to the health and safety standards.

Wickstead www.wickstead.co.uk

Playdale www.playdale.com

Creative Play www.creativeplayuk.com

Please have a look at these online brochures and send an email to the Parish Clerk, louise.epc@gmail.com with your suggestions before **12 November 2021**. Please include the company's name, page number, product name and reference.

The Parish Council will then collate all the suggestions. We cannot guarantee that we will keep everyone happy, but we will try.

UTTLESFORD FOODBANK



Many thanks for the constant donations I receive on the doorstep for the Foodbank. All donations are gratefully received and help those in need in our District. The generosity of this village continues to inspire me.

Anybody can be in need of emergency food; there is no one 'type' of person who goes to a foodbank. We help people who work full-time, part-time, zero hours contracts or multiple jobs. We help people who rely on welfare payments; we help individuals, couples and families. Anyone who is in crisis can get a foodbank voucher and come to us.

Budgeting is a useful skill but 'life shocks' such as redundancy, illness, unexpected bills or a relationship breaking down can all drastically reduce the amount of money available. If someone's situation changes unexpectedly they can be left with less money than they need, no matter how cleverly they budget.

The Uttlesford Foodbank gave out 1,193 7-day food parcels last year and 1000 crisis intervention three-day parcels. Your donations make a difference.

In November we are asking for Dog Food (in real need) and adult toiletries.

Thank you again. Petrina Lees, Orwell House, Station Rd, Elsenham (next to doctor's surgery) ☎ 816675

 **S.E.P** 
**TREE CARE & GARDEN
MAINTENANCE**

Tree Topping & Felling
Pruning & Pollarding
Hedges cut, Trimmed & Removed
All waste Chipped & Removed
Garden, Garage & Site Clearance
Gravel Driveways & Paths
Fencing
Turf Supplied & Laid
Jet Washing Paths & Driveways
Local Tradesman
20 years experience
For a free estimate Phone
07903 621657
08000 588057
14 Day Cooling off Period



HANDY MAN SERVICES

NEW YEAR LOOK AROUND THE HOME

All decorating in any colours using
Dulux paints.
All new flooring installs any type:
light wood, dark wood and oak.
Electrical new lighting LED, fittings,
sockets, switches change to
chrome/brass.
Alterations to outhouses, garages to
extra room, dining room, office and
many more. Extensions.

Call Dennis. Free Quote
07946 231302

D BONNEY & SONS MANUDEN MOTOR VEHICLE ENGINEERS

MOT TESTING

ALL MAKES OF VEHICLES SERVICED INCLUDING FOUR WHEEL
DRIVES

TRW BRAKE CENTRE

DIAGNOSTIC AND FAULT FINDING

WELDING AND CHASSIS REPAIRS

SELECTION OF USED CARS

CALOR GAS STOCKIST

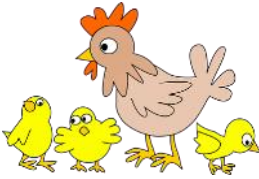
WE HELP YOU THE MOTORIST WITH A CHEAPER LABOUR RATE

GUARANTEED WORKMANSHIP

FREE COLLECTION AND DELIVERY IN LOCAL AREA

PLEASE RING: MALC, NEIL OR CRAIG

 **01279 813315** OR  **01279 815946**



Daisy May's Farm

Hall Road, Elsenham, CM22 6DN

www.daisymaysfarm.org

Well, this has certainly been a different year to last year and the best bit has been having all our lovely visitors come and see us on the farm!

We are starting to get very excited about Christmas and really hope you will be joining us for the festivities this year – there will be so much to do. Last year as Father Christmas was so busy, Mrs Claus came to stay with us and read traditional yuletide stories to the children whilst they enjoyed yummy hot chocolates and she also had gifts for them too! They were also able to enjoy Christmas crafts, a snowy walk through the Winter Woodland and of course, the animals had to have a fuss made of them too! Make sure you keep an eye on our Facebook page for our opening hours and so you can book and don't miss out on all the fun!

Whenever we are open, all our animals are always so happy to see you and we still have some small piglets that are so cute, but very cheeky! At the moment there are sheep, goats, ponies, all sorts of chickens, ducks, turkeys, pheasants and even some owls and don't forget the rheas (similar to ostriches), rabbits and guinea pigs and they all love to see our visitors! These events are a vital lifeline for us to raise enough funds to feed and look after our animals and we can only do this with your help and support.

Thank you so much.

MICROWAVE FAT FREE FRYER - £5 Brand new, never used, cost £15. Diameter 26cm.

MAGNIFYING LED FLOOR LAMP - £20
Never used, cost £50.

Small carpet sweeper – Free.

Contact Chris Chamberlain ☎ 814375





ALLASPECTSTREESERVICES.CO.UK

All Aspects Tree Services

TREE SURGERY - STUMP GRINDING
HEDGE CUTTING - FENCING

01279 755545 07940 231964

INFO@ALLASPECTSTREESERVICES.CO.UK

NEW BEGINNINGS COUNSELLING

A safe environment to explore your thoughts and feelings

**A private practice with parking based in Takeley
Represented by Michele Simpson MBACP**

Ever felt sad, overwhelmed, lost or just not quite right?

Most people at some point in their lives have felt so overwhelmed that they find it impossible to see a way out of a situation
My beliefs are that everybody has the resources within themselves, given the right environment, to experience therapeutic change

Why not give me a call to see how I can help you to improve your life
Counselling could enable you to have that new beginning

phone: 07956 224954 or 01279 879009

email: ms@newbeginningscounselling.co.uk

www.newbeginningscounselling.co.uk

DEVELOPMENT DEVELOPMENTS

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



The Appeal by Gladman against refusal of their application for up to 220 homes to the north of Bedwell Road was duly held by an Inquiry over an eight-day period. The first topic for discussion was landscape, where there are three problems with making a case against the proposal. The site falls a good way short of picturesque; it can't be appreciated from many locations other than fleetingly from the train; previous planning decisions have driven large holes through Uttlesford's policy.

Developers are supposed to be able to show that their sites are amenable to access other than by the car. The station is a great draw and is a leading reason for the vast number of new housing applications in the village over the last ten years. But access from the site to destinations such as the shops, the school and the pub would rarely be by public transport, walking or cycling. The main access would be to the west, via the narrow windy lane through Ugley Green and then on to the B1383. Gladman proposed to widen two short stretches near the junction of Snakes Lane and Pound Lane, but it was objected that that is not the narrowest section of the road. Essex Highways' engineer, making a rare appearance at an Appeal, burnished her already formidable reputation for unintelligibility.

Gladman were at their shakiest when it came to noise, hardly surprising on a site with a motorway on one side and a railway on the other. They sacked their consultants and came along with a substitute, but wanted to insist that parts of the original report were still valid. They were forced to concede that in order to achieve an acceptable level of noise, every window in every home would need to be closed at all times, giving rise to issues with overheating and ventilation. Gardens would offer no respite, although they did claim at one point that if residents covered down close to their fences it might help - but not much. They said that people's susceptibility to noise varies, and that only those who weren't too concerned would live there - but it was countered that those looking for an affordable home might not have much in the way of alternatives.

The Inquiry was one of the last which the Planning Inspectorate will hold remotely and duly provided the usual quota of unintended glitches and hitches. The Inspector did not tell the managing technician that she was logging out for lunch, and on her return found that she was denied access to her own Inquiry. Later, she ran out of electronic memory and also had to cope with the howls of a puppy which felt that the division of attention between itself and the Inquiry needed recalibrating. The appellants celebrated their QC's birthday with a total system break-down and an entertaining display of incompetence while they tried, unsuccessfully, to retrieve matters.

But Gladman must not be under-estimated. They have a formidable record of success at appeals, through their strategy of concentrating on smallish district councils with a poor record of housing delivery and little early prospect of a Local Plan. The result could be known before you read this.

Options Hair Design and Hair Loss Clinic

An essential choice with a passion for hair

We welcome you with a complete in-depth consultation, whether this is for a change of style or colour or for more clinical advice on the health of your hair and scalp.

For clients visiting The Hair Loss Clinic we are able to offer a completely private consultation and treatment room away from the main salon. We offer proven treatments for hair loss and also provide a complete wig fitting and finishing service. We work closely with a leading UK Trichologist who holds regular clinics with our clients.

Our products are organic and formulated to enhance your hair health. Our dedicated stylists will work with you to achieve the look and feel that you want. Our salon has parking right outside and a warm welcome awaits you.

Elsenham Salon 01279 812665

Bookings not always necessary

www.optionssalon.co.uk

Hair Loss Clients please call Ann on 07957 166436





You are likely to be reading this in early November, and my calendar tells me that there will then be a little over four weeks until our Christmas Tree Festival over the weekend of 4/5 December. Not much time to go!

As I write this, bookings are already flooding in, and we have approximately half of the spaces allocated already, so if you are interested in taking part there is no time to waste. What we do is ask people and organisations to supply and decorate a tree – any sort of tree, real, artificial – even a bunch of twigs if you like. The tree and decoration can reflect your interests, commemorate an occasion or memory, or even just express your mood and artistic skills. It is up to you. We do not charge for entry, only for the space for a tree - a minimum of £5 an individual or £10 an organisation, although more is always appreciated. The monies go to the Church Fabric Fund which helps to maintain your 900-odd year old church. The result will be a church full of wonderful Christmas trees – truly magical, especially as the light fades and the trees' illumination takes over.

We will have seasonal music in the church and seasonal refreshments outside in a marquee, so as to be more Covid safe (and leave more room for the trees inside the Church!). The Church will be open to view the trees from 10.30am to 5.00pm on the Saturday and Sunday, and we will finish with a short (approximately 10 minutes) service on the Sunday.

As you will realise, there is a lot of work involved in setting up and running the Festival, so if you are able to spare an hour or so to assist, please let us know. We will need volunteers to help set up the displays, welcome people and help with refreshments and car parking etc. Give Jill a call on ☎ 812397 if you want to take part or need more information.

Thanks for reading this. Take care and stay safe.

GARDEN HINT *By Sue Johnson*

Insulate pots containing plants such as Agapanthus, Camellia and Bay with bubble wrap or fleece. Don't forget to water your plants in pots over the winter.





Collector, collator and
relator of life's special
events

Are you planning or considering: a Memorial Service, a Funeral,
Renewal of Vows, a Wedding or a Naming Celebration?

A Celebrant led ceremony will help you
to create special memories of the day.

For more information please contact:

janetterickwood_celebrant@btinternet.com

www.janetterickwoodcelebrant.co.uk.  07889 375200

Facebook @JRCelebrant

Mat Duxbury

PAINTING

Professional Interior and Exterior Painting Specialist

References available on request

20 Years' experience

Fully Insured

NVQ Qualified and Health and Safety Certified

Local, reliable and friendly service guaranteed

For a free estimate please contact Mat on  07810 250426 or
email  mat@duxburypainting.co.uk

ELSENHAM



ELSENHAM VILLAGE HISTORY SOCIETY

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

🌐 www.elsenham-history.co.uk



A couple of months back I mentioned the other Elsenham War Memorial in Church Lane that had suffered damage due to lorries visiting the adjacent building site. I am pleased to report that the Site Manager has apologised for the damage and advised that a carpenter has been instructed to effect repairs. My thanks to the Parish Council and Graham Mott for this update. Meanwhile there remains the mystery of who erected this memorial and when. If you can help solve this conundrum do please get in touch.

A little while back I read in the paper that the missing pieces from Rembrandt's great painting, The Night Watch, which were removed when it was cut down to fit its new home in the Amsterdam Town Hall in 1715, had been reconstructed. These will now be displayed with the painting in its current home in the Rijksmuseum. This reminded me that several years ago we had a talk on antique fakes and forgeries by Tim Turner of Sworders auction house.

He told us that there were many more Rembrandts in the world than were ever painted by the great man himself. This had become such a problem that a committee of experts was set up to authenticate every Rembrandt painting. This of course led to the great dismay of some owners who were told that their pride and joy was not what they thought it was.

On the other hand, particularly in later years as advances in scientific scrutiny made authentication ever less subjective, the same committee has been able to go back to others and tell them that their supposed fake was, in fact, genuine. This was just one fact from a very good presentation that itself was just one of the many fine talks from knowledgeable speakers that we have held over the last ten years or so. A summary of every talk is written up in the minutes and these are all available to read on our website alongside lots of other splendid information about the life and times of our village.

Talking of talks, our next meeting will be held on Wednesday 10 November at 8pm when Ken MacDonald, Secretary of the 100 Parishes Society is due to speak about The 100 Parishes. Largely unspoilt and richly endowed with many fine examples of agricultural and built heritage, the hundred parishes are a large, attractive, gently-undulating area of around 450 square miles of northwest Essex, northeast Hertfordshire and southern Cambridgeshire. Because of the ongoing Covid situation our programme may be subject to changes but we can always promise you an informative and entertaining evening. We look forward to welcoming all our members to the meeting and don't forget visitors are always welcome to attend for a modest £2. Please come along and see what we have to offer.



Pike's Plumbing & Heating

Whether you're looking for a plumber or heating engineer, Pike's Plumbing & Heating can help.

If it's an emergency, simple problem or you're just thinking about a new boiler or bathroom give me a call – I'm available when you need me 24/7. Now's a good time to think about servicing your boiler too and make sure you're not left out in the cold! No Call-Out Charges & Free Quotations

Tel: 07889 140035

Craig Pike

Email: info@pikesph.co.uk



Web: www.pikesph.co.uk

DANIEL ROBINSON & SONS

Independent Family Funeral Directors & Monumental Masons

Est 1892

Always here when you need us...

- Arrangements in the comfort of your own home, if preferred
- Private Chapel of Rest
- Pre-paid funeral planning services
- Traditional & contemporary funerals to suit your wishes



79/81 South Street
BISHOP'S STORTFORD
01279 655477

www.drobinson.co.uk

SCOUTING NEWS

By Matt Morland (Akela) ☎ 07747 272706



It's a short intro this month as there's an incredible amount to fit in!

We completed the final step in opening the new 1st Henham & Elsenham Scout Troop where our Scouts paraded in front of other Scouters and parents at Elsenham Village Hall and were presented with their flag by our District Commissioners who welcomed our new Section as a great asset to our community.



Over the last few weeks our Wednesday and Friday Beavers have built models of London from recycled materials, walked around Alsa Woods, taken part in their Log Chews, conducted science experiments and also invested new Beavers into their Colonies, with our new Friday Colony alone welcoming 18 new young people to Scouting. Our Cubs started back with their new leaders Chil and Baloo, with activities including den building and a games night, and Scouts continued with the setup of their new Troop with further teamwork activities, including choosing Patrol names and working on their Code of Conduct.

Our Group also found the time to arrange a day trip to London for all Beavers, Cubs, Scouts and Leaders, plus parent helpers, in all over 100 people, which included a picnic at Island Gardens followed by a Horrible Histories cruise for Beavers and Cubs with Scouts taking a speedboat blast from Tower Hill to Canary Wharf and back.



Our hugely successful cake and refreshments stall at the Summer Fete raised a grand total of just over £400, and our Group was finally able to donate cheques for the split proceeds to Henham and Elsenham Primary Schools.

And if that wasn't enough excitement to squeeze into our usual newsletter space, two of our new Scouts have just taken part in the World Scout Jamboree 2023 Selection Camp, along with 55 other Scouts and Explorer Scouts from our County, all hoping to represent UK Scouting on international expeditions in 2023. We wish them the very best of luck in their applications!



All I want for Christmas is...

HENHAM, ELSENHAM AND UGLEY CHURCHES INVITE YOU TO

Ladies Pudding Evening

Wednesday 1st December
7:30pm for 8pm start
At OSCA

Yes, ladies, we are back and looking forward to seeing you all again!! Have a go at making Christmas decorations with wine, cheese, puddings and the chance to hear about the most surprising Christmas gift ever.

To ensure we are covid compliant, please book your place by contacting sandrajturner@hotmail.com or office@heuchurch.co.uk



CHRISTMAS IS COMING!

THE NATIVITY

CHRISTMAS EVE, 3pm
HENHAM CHURCH

More details next month

Elsenham Village Café

Run for the community by the community



Coffee Morning at Elsenham Bowls Club 9.30 – 11.30 am

Every 2nd and 4th Tuesday of the month
Fresh coffee, tea and hot buttered toast

Tuesday 9 and 23 November

Afternoon Tea at the Memorial Hall 2 – 4 pm

Every 1st and 3rd Thursday of the month
Book swap and children's corner

Thursday 4 and 18 November

Community Lunch at the Memorial Hall 12 – 2 pm

Last Monday of each month
A two course Lunch

Will resume in 2022

No charge but donations welcomed

Contact: Sue Waite ✉ suewaite2003@yahoo.co.uk
☎ 07956 899326



ELSENHAM C OF E PRIMARY SCHOOL

By Linda Todd, Headteacher



The children's curriculum has been full of exciting opportunities to learn creatively. Years R, 1 and 2 really enjoyed a visit from a creative performer and took part in a movement and action based story through space to save the kind, friendly alien from an evil space lord. The experience encouraged them to work on their listening and coordination, as well as getting them to remember actions to a game. It was certainly lots of fun and they also gained a wealth of knowledge about the planets!

There was high drama for the older children too as our Year 5 children learned about Theseus and the Minotaur by acting out scenes from the story. There was plenty of dramatic performance in their interpretation of the part where the son of King Minos dies.

One of the highlights for the Reception class children was finding a nest in their outdoor learning area and receiving a letter from Mother Owl from Martin Waddell's book, 'Owl Babies', asking them to help her look after her babies. It was wonderful to witness their joy of learning and their confidence in sharing their knowledge so early in their school journey with us.

October saw us celebrating Harvest. Each class shared a song, a poem or some art work with each other in a special Assembly. We were thankful for our food from farm to fork but also reflected on those who struggle to put food on the table. Our families gave generously to the Food Bank. The volunteers at the Food Bank depot in Harlow were amazed at the quantity of food being donated from just one school, and, needless to say, were very grateful indeed. They weighed it all (four pallet loads) and it came to 390.5 kilos. This was a magnificent effort!

We were grateful to be on the receiving end of the generosity of the Elsenham and Henham Scouting groups for their £200 donation raised through cake sales. This will kick start our new fund-raising project to create a wellbeing sensory room in school. This will be a dedicated space for children with special educational needs as well as the wider school population – a calm space where children can both relax or enjoy sensory stimulation through light, sound and texture – a space to talk through worries or just be quiet.

If anyone in the community or any local businesses would like to support this project by contributing to our fund-raising then please contact Mrs Winder, our school business manager, on ☎ 813198 or ✉ admin@elsenhamschool.co.uk



HENHAM, ELSENHAM AND UGLEY CHURCHES

Office@heuchurch.co.uk

If you are reading this I can assume that you have not skipped this article, as some skip the sports pages or the fashion pages of a newspaper. Why, I wonder, are you reading it? Are you a member of the church, keen to find out what is happening? A former member looking to see how we are coping without you? Maybe you have a passing interest in the church as some have with the tennis club or the school and are interested in its activities.

For many the church is an institution that is 'nice to have there', not particularly relevant to them at the moment but good to know that, should they need it, it is there to help. Whether it is a baptism, a wedding or a funeral everybody expects the church to be available to provide them with what they need. This indeed is one of the reasons for the church's existence. More importantly, the church is there to carry out the instructions that Jesus left with his disciples just before he ascended into heaven. "But you will receive power when the Holy Spirit comes on you; and you will be my witnesses in Jerusalem, and in all Judea and Samaria, and to the ends of the earth." (Acts Ch 1 v8).

We do this by bearing witness to Jesus Christ and sharing the Good News about the salvation he obtained for us by His death on the cross. Week by week at each of our services we praise God in hymns and prayers, we read the bible and have the passage we have read explained in a short sermon. We acknowledge that God the Father is the creator of all things. In the words of the popular hymn, 'All things bright and beautiful, all creatures great and small. All things wise and wonderful the Lord God made them all'. We believe that Jesus Christ came into the world to take

upon himself the sins of the whole world. Sins that started with Adam and Eve in the garden of Eden, when they ate the fruit of the tree of knowledge of good and evil, the one tree that they had been told not to eat, and has continued ever since when people do what they want, what they think is right rather than what God wants. The consequence of sin is that it separates us from God and denies us a place in his heavenly kingdom. We believe in the Holy Spirit who dwells within all who profess Jesus as their Saviour, to help them live lives that are pleasing to God.

For many years we ran a 'Back to Church Sunday' when personal invitations were issued to people who used to come to church but, for whatever reason, had stopped. Perhaps they didn't like the hymns, had fallen out with somebody, had doctrinal differences with what they heard, or had just lost the habit. If anything in this letter makes you think 'perhaps I should give it a try again' please do – things may have changed since your last visit and be more to your liking. You can be assured of a very warm welcome at any of our services.

A quick update on our search for a new Vicar. We have completed all of the work on our Parish Profile, which sets out in detail what sort of villages we are, what sort of churches we are and the skills and qualities we are looking for in a Vicar. This is now on the Diocesan website and an advertisement has appeared in the Church Times newspaper. The closing date for applications is the end of November and we hope to hold interviews in December. Watch this space!

*Roger Clark
Churchwarden, Ugley*

Church Services

7th November – Trinity 23:

8.45am BCP* morning prayer, Elsenham

10.00am BCP* Holy Communion, Ugley

10.15am Morning Service, EVH**

[11.15am Morning Service, Henham](#)

6.00pm Sunday@6, Henham

14th November – Remembrance

Sunday:

[8.45am BCP* Morning Prayer, Elsenham](#)

[Elsenham](#)

10.00am Morning Service, Ugley

10.15am Holy Communion, EVH

11.15am Morning Service, Henham

6.00pm Sunday@6, Henham

21st November – Trinity 25:

8.45am BCP* Morning Prayer, Elsenham

10.00am Morning Service, Ugley

10.15am Morning Service, EVH

11.15am Holy Communion, Henham

6.00pm Sunday@6, Henham

28th November – Trinity 26:

8.45am BCP* [Holy Communion](#)

Elsenham

10.00am Morning Service, Ugley

10.15am All Age Service, EVH

11.15am All Age Service, Henham

6.00pm Sunday@6, Henham

* BCP = Book of Common Prayer

**EVH = Elsenham Village Hall

Act of Remembrance

Saturday 13 November, 10.45am

Elsenham Memorial Gardens, followed by refreshments at Elsenham Memorial Hall.



Other regular events

St Peter's Junior Church

St Peter's, Ugley 10.00am

Sundays: 7th, 14th, 21st & 28th

Elsenham Sunday Club/Explorers

(Y1-Y6) Old Franks, Elsenham

10.15am Sundays: 7th, 14th, 21st & 17th

Henham Sunday Club/Explorers

(Reception-Y5) Church Hall,

Henham 11.00am Sundays: 7th, 14th, 21st & 28th

Pathfinders (Y6-Y9)

St Mary's, Henham 6.00pm - leave

from service to meet in OSCA

Sundays: 7th, 14th, 21st & 28th

Crammin' (Y10-Y13)

St Mary's, Henham 6.00pm followed

by 6.45pm at the Church Hall, Henham. Sundays: 7th, 14th, 21st & 28th

MID-WEEK AND SATURDAY:

Start the Week with Prayer

Church Hall, Henham 9.30am

Mondays: 1st, 8th, 15th, 22nd & 29th

Seekers After School Bible Club

(Y3-Y4) Old Frank's 3.20pm

Mondays: 1st, 8th, 15th, 22nd & 29th

Christian Play (Y1-Y2)

Rowan House, Elsenham 3.15pm

Tuesdays: 2nd, 9th, 16th, 23rd & 30th

Little Fishes Pre-School Group

Church Hall, Henham 10.15am

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

Little Fishes Pre-School Group

Elsenham Memorial Hall 10.00am

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

Church Lunch Club 12.30pm

Elsenham Memorial Hall

Fridays: 12th & 26th

Afternoon Tea

OSCA, Henham 2.00pm

Saturday 20th November

For information on all events and Ladies' Pudding Evening on 1 December (p24) please contact administrator at office@heuchurch.co.uk

HENRY

Your Local Tree Surgeon

Conifer Hedge Specialists

Trees / Hedges
Trimming, Topping
Pruning Service
Tree Crowning
Tree Reduction
Dead Wooding
Tree Felling

Wood Chipper Service

Tree Testing
Stump Grinding
Stump Removal
Trees Removed
Storm Damage
Waste Removed



Mobile : 07470 227144

Home : 01376 326163

FREE ESTIMATES



Saffron Walden Motorcycle Buyers

We buy all Motorcycles, Mopeds
Scooters, British Motorcycles
Barn finds or parts
**LOOK IN YOUR SHEDS
GARAGES, GARDENS
Boxes of parts Wanted
Call Henry 07775 998628**

Taylor Computer Services (Stansted)

On-site Computer Maintenance/Repairs

DON'T BE RESTRICTED TO OFFICE HOURS, I CAN VISIT YOUR HOME OR OFFICE DURING THE DAY, EVENINGS OR WEEKENDS AT A TIME TO SUIT YOU.

Email and Broadband Setup, Data Transfers/Data Recovery, Hardware & Software Installation, Virus & Spyware Removal & Protection, New PC Setup & Training

Call Derrick on 01279 816418 ~ 07926 289749
Email: Info@tcsstansted.co.uk

JOHN COLEBY

Experienced Interior and Exterior Decorator

For a friendly, reliable service please telephone
01279 815510 or 0793 9070818
for a free estimate

**ELSENHAM
VILLAGE
SCHOOL**

CHRISTMAS MARKET

IN SUPPORT OF VILLAGE FACILITIES AND PROJECTS



2-9PM

LOCAL BUSINESSES AND CRAFTERS WITH FESTIVE GIFTS, FOOD AND MORE!

OUTSIDE MARKET AREA: WITH THE SCOUTS MULLED WINE/CIDER FUNDRAISING TENT.
WAFFLE + CO, THE NOODLE & DUMPLING BAR, AND SERVE VEGAN EATING.

LOCATIONS:

ELSENHAM VILLAGE HALL (AT THE SCHOOL, HIGH STREET)
AND THE MEMORIAL HALL (ON THE PLAYING FIELD, OFF LEIGH DRIVE)

PLEASE BE REMINDED THAT NO DOGS ARE ALLOWED AT EITHER SITE

Luxury Toilet Hire (UK) Ltd



Whether you are arranging a wedding, private party or corporate event, let Luxury Toilet Hire (UK) Ltd provide you with the perfect toilet facility to make your occasion a memorable success.

Cesspit emptying also undertaken.

Tel: 01371 873003 or 01279 504638

Email: info@luxurytoilethire.co.uk

Web: www.luxurytoilethireltd.co.uk



We also hire out mobile fridge and freezer units.



Please contact us for a quote:

Tel: 01371 873003 or 01279 504638

Email: info@chillermatic.com Web: www.chillermatic.com

BMH

WINDOW CLEANING CHERRY PICKER HIRE (12.5M)

Window Cleaning

Gutter Cleaning

Commercial Window Cleaning

Excellent Rates

Professional & Trustworthy

Fully Insured

References on request

07852 722139

"Get rid of the grime with a Tony shine"



- alun
- design
- consultancy
- architectural design
- planning
- project management
- interior design

Local architecture company with over 25 years experience designing and obtaining approval for new homes, extensions and conversions

Free consultation
01799 540 600

info@alundesign.com

www.alundesign.com

Neville House, Station Road,
Wendens Ambo, Saffron
Walden, Essex, CB11 4LB

NATURAL OUTLOOK ON HERE AND THERE

By Heather Salvidge ☎ 814153



Our house came with a garden front and back but where the birds regularly visit depends on what's on offer and when. For instance the watercourse through the back did flow regularly years ago but now is intermittent so it's ages since the kingfisher visited and after we took the fish out of the small pond the only time we now see herons is when they fly over us. I do put out water and standard bird seed and this can make a big difference e.g. if you want starlings in the back put out a fat block as well. I don't put out bread.

If you have a garden or somewhere where you have a good view of where birds collect, either because you feed them or there is shelter and berries in autumn then I would expect your 'usuals' to include; sparrows, blue tits, blackbirds – for most of the year at least – dunnocks (old name was hedge sparrows), great tits, and several of the finches, chaffinches, greenfinches and goldfinches though these latter can be picky.

Bigger birds might be wood pigeons, collared doves and, seasonally, rooks, jackdaws and crows, magpies and, possibly, jays. Some of the corvids leave the central part of Elsenham in early summer after the young are fully fledged and don't come back till autumn. Another reason for absence of some regulars in long-standing gardens is that the 'countryside' and its agricultural fields has moved further away; I haven't seen a brambling in the garden for quite a while.

If you overlook the playing field, the railway line, the cemetery, or any part of Fullers End, Tye Green or Elsenham Hall your bird list could be rather longer and the birds' behaviour might be different. For instance, little owls have been known to frequent the area behind the house on the railway side of Robin Hood Road and hoots from tawny owls can be heard in the cemetery.

We have had kestrels hovering over our garden but you are more likely to see them over the fields connecting Fullers End and Hall Road. Buzzards and red kites are fairly new to the village having gradually spread east to get here. Buzzards drift over all parts of the village, especially since they nested in the far side of Alsa Wood. Some of the red kites soar above Gilbey Cottages and Stansted Road whilst others choose the Golds Business Park and New Road as hunting ground.

On a quiet day in winter the playing field plays host to redwings, like song thrushes to look at but with rusty red patches on their flanks, and fieldfares, visitors from the far north and, all year round, green woodpeckers, flocks of pied wagtails and once again, rook, crows and jackdaws. The best place to see mistle thrushes I have found is the far end of the school playing field – again when it's quiet.

N.M.S.
Window Cleaning
Service

Cobwebs removed, Windows,
Frames and sills washed,
doors cleaned as required.

Water fed pole system
Traditional

07470291463

GLYNN'S CHIMNEY SWEEPS

Est. 1995



**VACUUM AND
BRUSH**

**NACS MEMBERS
HETAS APPROVED**

COMPETITIVELY PRICED

01279 424983

www.glynnschimneysweeps.com

EAT, DRINK & HIT BALLS



TOPTRACER

**DRIVING
RANGE!**

**CELEBRATE AN EVENT WITH US TOO!
SUITABLE FOR ADULTS & CHILDREN**

SEE OUR WEBSITE FOR OUR COVID-SAFE PROCEDURE
Golf World Stansted, Hall Road, Nr Stansted Airport, Essex, CM22 6FL
01279 812 865 | jeanne@golfworldstansted.co.uk



**Golf
World**

power Tee





“Please to remember the Fifth of November, gunpowder, treason and plot. We know of no reason why gunpowder treason should ever be forgot.”

This traditional rhyme appeared soon after the failed plot to ignite barrels of gunpowder beneath the House of Lords on the occasion of the state opening of Parliament by King James I on 5 November 1605. The man found with the gunpowder was Guy Fawkes, one of a group of English Catholics whose intention was to assassinate the Protestant King James so that one of his young Catholic children could assume the throne, thereby restoring a Catholic monarchy.

Some 400 years later, the preservation of the monarchy and parliament is still celebrated by many with a bonfire and the burning of a guy.

Like other major events in British history, there is a link with The Hundred Parishes. In this case, the primary link is Sir William Waad (pronounced Wade) of 17th-century Battles Hall in the parish of Manuden.

Waad, who lived from 1546 to 1623, had pursued a distinguished career in the service of the Crown and in 1605 held the position of Lieutenant of the Tower of London, responsible for those held prisoner there and specifically for the interrogation of prisoners. The king gave permission for the use of torture, including the rack, to assist in this questioning. It was not long before most of the plotters were rounded up, interrogated, tried and executed by being publicly hung, drawn and quartered for their involvement in the Gunpowder Plot.

Manuden's most famous former resident is remembered on a tablet inside the parish church.

There is a second local link to the Gunpowder Plot. It is believed that Tiptofts, a 14th-century house in Wimbish, may have been used as a meeting place by the conspirators.

Ken McDonald, Secretary



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



The Executives Choice Chauffeur Company providing clients with premium transport at affordable prices. Airports, sporting events, theatre trips etc.

Corporate accounts welcomed.
7 Seater available

To discuss your requirements

Contact Graham Anderson: graham@execschoice.com

Phone 07481 494988

www.execschoice.com

Essex Autospray

Your local Collision Repair Centre - Est 1982

- Free Courtesy Cars
- Free Estimates
- Low Bake Ovens
- Blackhawk Alignment



Tel: 01279 816296 E: info@essexautospray.co.uk

www.essexautospray.com

M11 Business Link, Parsonage Lane,

ELSENHAM WOMEN'S INSTITUTE

By Moyra Jackson ☎ 647351



As the leaves start to fall and the heating starts to come on, summer seems a distant memory and to quote Game of Thrones “winter is coming”! Where on earth did this year go?



It did feel a bit strange holding our Annual Meeting in September, when we would normally have this in May. After the usual reports and speeches were made I am delighted to advise the existing committee has agreed to stay on for a further term with the welcome addition of Julie Hardy. I will remain as President, Gill Hathaway is Secretary and Sue Waite continues as Treasurer. Following our meeting our Committee is now complete with Lynsey Jackson being co-opted on to take care of our Social Media.

Bookworms had a different location this month – The Three Willows at Birchanger when we discussed ‘Love after Love’ by Ingrid Persaud. We all agreed it is a very worthwhile read. For those of you who prefer films to books, the Cinema Club is starting up again – watch this space!

Our next meeting is on Thursday 18 November. The English Spirit Distillery will be paying us a visit for a taster evening plus an opportunity to buy some of their fabulous delights, just in time for Christmas. We do need to know numbers for this so members and visitors please RSVP Gill if you are coming.

We are very busy preparing our programme for 2022. No spoilers but as always it will hold a few surprises in it as well as some of our favourites.

While we are very proud of our Jam and Jerusalem traditions - Elsenham WI is now so much more than that and we are always happy to dispel the stereotypes associated with the WI. Why not come along (or come back) – visitors and new members are always welcome.

Our contact details are at the back of the magazine.

**Facebook: Elsenham WI Twitter: @elsenhamwi Instagram: elsenham_wi
Email: elsenhamwi@gmail.com**

Elsenham WI – There's a lot going on!



T.J. Patmore
Building Services

- Extensions – Loft Conversions
- Roof work – Carpentry – Roof Tiling
- First and second fix carpentry
- Kitchen fitting
- Built in wardrobes
- Decorating interior and exterior
- Floor and wall tiling
- Fencing – Decking – Patios
- Supply and fix u.p.v.c. windows
- House maintenance

*Call Trevor for friendly help, advice
and FREE estimates*

tel 01279 816097
mob 07932 666224



E. N.C. Electrical Limited

- Industrial Agricultural Domestic
- Electrical Installations
- Fire Alarms/Emergency Lighting
- Fault Finding
- Portable Appliance Testing
- Fixed Wiring Test & Inspection

Over 25 Years Experience in the
Electrical Industry

Contact: Ian Arran

Tel. 01279 647042
Mobile 07776 252994



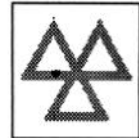
Email: encelectri-
calltd@btinternet.com

44 Alsa Gardens Elsenham

Bishop's Stortford Herts, CM22 6HB

GARRETT'S GARAGE SERVICES

42 Golds Business Park, Elsenham
Bishop's Stortford, Herts CM22 6JX



- Mechanical Repairs
- Servicing
- Tyres
- Engine Tuning
- Computer Diagnosis
- Windscreen Repairs
- M.O.T.'s - Catalyst & Diesel Tested
- E.H.D.C. - Authorised Hackney Carriage Testers
- Batteries
- Exhausts

*MODERN WELL
MAINTAINED
WORKSHOP*

ALL MAKES OF VEHICLE

**FREE COLLECTION AND*
*DELIVERY SERVICE**

TEL: 01279 647777 FAX 01279 817622

OCTOBER AT U3A STANSTED

Contact Ray ☎ 07874385541 ✉ stanstedu3a@gmail.com



At the end of September about 40 of us set off for Weymouth on a five-day trip arranged by Nigel Johnson through Just For Groups. We had fabulous weather and so were able to enjoy lots of time out with our buckets and spades.... Only joking!

On the way down we visited Mottisfont House, an 18th century building with a medieval priory at its heart and the largest plane tree in Britain. On the way home we visited Kingston Lacey - a lavish family home re-imagined as a Venetian Palace in the rural Dorset countryside. In between, we visited the market towns of Dorchester and Bridport, Corfe Castle and the model village and then to Swanage on the Heritage Steam Railway.

In October, we visited Knowle which has the last dedicated deer park. Originally an archbishop's palace, the house passed through royal hands to the Sackville family – Knowle's inhabitants from 1603 to today. It is also home to some of the last surviving furniture from Whitehall and Hampton Court Palaces and splendid 17th century tapestries. It was a most enjoyable day and.... they made really good scones too!

As part of the u3a's 40th Anniversary in 2022 the trust is creating a u3a anniversary woodland situated in the Brecon Beacons. This will benefit the environment, wildlife and climate for future generations. The target is to plant 5,000 trees by March 2022 . You can buy a tree at the u3a brand centre online.

At our next meeting our Speaker is Deborah Brady who will tell us all about being "A Female in Fleet Street" which no doubt will be quite an eye opener.

Meetings take place in St. John's Hall, Stansted at 2pm every third Thursday of the month.

Eileen Quinn



ADVANCED NEWS

By Margaret Shaw

I am pleased to announce that the popular Boxing Day walk will be resumed this year on Boxing Day, 26 December at 11am. Further details will be given next month

AUDLEY END MINIATURE RAILWAY



Open on 20, 21, 27 & 28 November and every day from the 1st to 24th December.

Book tickets: <https://audley-end-railway.digitickets.co.uk/tickets>



BARLEY GROVE
FINANCIAL SOLUTIONS LIMITED

- * Annual Accounts/Book-keeping
- * Payroll
- * Corporate Tax returns
- * Self-Assessment Tax
- * VAT Returns
- * New Business Set up
- * IR 35 advice
- * Construction Industry Scheme (CIS)
- * Making Tax Digital Advice

A PROFESSIONAL AND TAILORED SERVICE TO MEET YOUR PERSONAL
OR COMPANY NEEDS

LOCAL COMPANY

CONTACT US NOW FOR AN INFORMAL DISCUSSION

Tel : 0330 133 0246

Email: info@barleygrove.co.uk

Website : www.barleygrove.co.uk

YOUNG'S

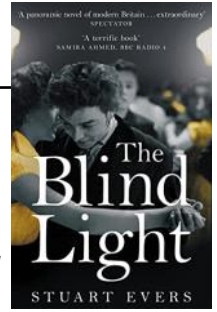
WINDOW CLEANING SERVICE

We specialise in residential properties offering a quality
and regular service for exterior and interior cleans
Serving the Elsenham community for the last 10 years

Call or text Malcolm for a FREE quote
07817 481901

THE BLIND LIGHT by Steven Evers

Reviewed by Marion Giles



'As the 1950s draw to a close, and the Cold War escalates, the shape of Drummond Moore's life is changed beyond measure when he strikes up an unlikely friendship with James Carter, a rich and well-connected fellow national serviceman. Carter leads him to Doom Town – an army base that seeks to recreate the effects of a nuclear war – where he meets Gwen, a barmaid with whom he shares an instant connection.'

*Set over sixty years of British history, *The Blind Light* by Stuart Evers is the compelling story of one family as they deal with the personal and political fallout of their times. ... ' So says the blurb on the back of the book.*

'Extraordinary' – *Spectator*

'Powerful' – *Guardian*

This was the choice of the book group this month. It was liked and enjoyed, although it is a long book (545 pages). Some had not quite finished it before our book group session but intended to as they wanted to know the outcome.

The relationship between Carter and Drum (as he is known) is an interesting and complicated one and seems to be founded on dependency. From completely different backgrounds and class, Carter's wealth and connections means he and his family will have access to a bunker in the event of a nuclear war. He promises Drum and his family a place. The story could be said to be about the corrosive effects of fear and the damage we do to ourselves and our loved ones when danger is all we can see.

Drum marries Gwen from Cumbria and they return to Drum's home in Dagenham where he works on the conveyor belt of the troubled and striking Ford factory. Carter offers a chance to tend a farm on land he wants to acquire and so the family leaves Essex for a farming life. As well as the connection between Carter and Drum, the two wives, Daphne and Gwen, strike up a friendship, again seemingly out of dependency on each other more than anything else. However, there is now a connection between their children's lives, none of whom can be said to be likeable characters.

We all liked Gwen and found the dynamics between her and Daphne and that between Carter and Drum interesting. None of us formed any empathy with any of the children and found they had few saving graces at all.

The historical backdrop underpinning events gives context and colour to the novel. The research that must have been undertaken cannot be faulted and the detail of life in the various decades covered rang true and triggered memories for some of us. The novel has been described as epic and ambitious and that probably says it all.



Double Glazed Units – SAME DAY

- Table Tops
- Shelves
- Emergency Glazing
- Replacement Misted Double Glazing
- Greenhouse Glass
- Cat and Dog Flaps Fitted
- Splash Backs – Any Colour
- Glass Cut To Size
- Emergency Boarding
- Safety Glass
- Mirrors

LOCAL COMPANY – GREAT PRICES – RELIABLE PROMPT SERVICE

Elsenham – Great Dunmow – Bishops Stortford - Stansted



01279 656 983 - 0800 587 2556

Unit 1, Suite 1, Peek Business Centre, Woodside Road, Bishops Stortford, CM23 5RG

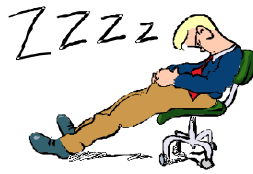


- Aerial Installations
- CCTV & Security Alarms
- Audio Visual Installations
- Wireless & Wired Networks
- TV Wall Mounting Services
- Sky Installations & Subscriptions
- Freesat Installations & Receivers
- Multiroom Music & TV Distribution
- Family Run Business



www.mediacomS.co.uk

info@mediacomS.co.uk



Ray
J. Jankelis

The Ballroom at Elsenham Hall

I mentioned in an earlier Rays Reflections, how I had been on a journey of discovery with the late Alan Bennett. We had investigated the inner sanctums of the Ice house. I remember thinking that it was a far cry from what once had been the opulence of the Elsenham Hall Ballroom.

According to a sale catalogue the ballroom measured 43' by 32'. What it lacked in size it made up for with elegance. When I, having negotiated a maze of passageways, finally found myself standing at its entrance I could only imagine what it had been many years ago compared to what I saw before me. There was still a central chandelier in place, the sprung floor was almost entirely obscured by miscellaneous detritus. The walls still had the evidence of expensive wallpapers. One could see faded areas where once hung paintings and fine tapestries.

I could only imagine ladies wearing fabulous ballgowns dancing with gentleman in their finest suits. This room, once graced by Royalty, had been a place of numerous meetings and romantic trysts. We know Sir Walter Gilbey almost certainly could be found there, wearing the flashy clothes of a Parisian dandy. All of his coats were made of vicuna, a very soft wool. Buff yellow dominated and was the colour of his waistcoat, with a rust gold handkerchief tucked in the pocket. His clothes were all the same, but there were wardrobes full of them. He always wore the same type of boot on his tiny feet, a closely fitting style that were covered by his trousers and he had thirty or forty identical pairs of them.

Later auction catalogues do depict a photo of the chandelier, but sadly no record exists of what once had been a fine room. I missed my chance to take photos. But I feel I should be forgiven, who in the 50s and 60s could have imagined that one day the entire building would be turned into apartments.



Elsenham "Elsenham Hall"



**-STEPHENS-
CHIMNEY
SWEEP**



*Insurance Certificate supplied -
Fully*

*Insured - Free Smoke Test
Open Fires - Multi Fuel Stoves -
Aga - Rayburn - Gas - Oil
Stove installations*

**CCTV Surveys - Bird Nest
Removal
Local Business**

Tel: 0800 112 3600

Mob: 07918 708626

www.stephenschimneysweep.co.uk

**hpc (State Registered)
Chiropodist**

CH09088

Home Visiting Practice

Mrs Julie Golden

Est. 1994

01279 873492

**A professional service at a
competitive rate**

Do-It-4U

Repair, Care & Maintenance

For your Home and Garden

- ◆ **Plumbing, Electrical & Carpentry Services**
- ◆ **Drain Blockages Cleared**
- ◆ **Gutters Cleaned, Repaired or Replaced**
- ◆ **Gardens Tidied & Maintained**
- ◆ **Hedges & Topiary Trimmed & Shaped**
- ◆ **Fences Erected & Repaired**
- ◆ **Sheds & Other Sectional Buildings Erected**

**Telephone
01279 814411**

**Mobile
07774 877320**

How to get help from Uttlesford Citizens Advice

Keep warm this winter: There are ways in which you can cut costs and maximise your income this winter.



If you rely on heating oil to heat your home, shop around. If you have internet access, use a price comparison website such as www.boilerjuice.co.uk or ring a few suppliers and ask for their 'best price' and haggle! **Joining your local heating oil club** can be another great way of finding savings. Speak to your Parish Council or neighbourhood group or go to www.uttlesford.gov.uk and search for 'oil clubs'.

The power market is changing at the moment. If you are coming to the end of a fixed price deal and can't find a better tariff it's probably better to roll onto the standard variable rate and wait as you will currently be protected by energy regulator Ofgem's price cap. Don't switch tariff or supplier until your account is moved to the new supplier. In the meantime, take regular meter readings (photos). You can find more advice about your energy supply, including where to find help if you are struggling to pay your bill, at www.citizensadvice.org.uk. For information to get the best deals on your household bills go to www.moneysavingexpert.com

If you can't access the information online or you need more specialist support, Uttlesford Citizens Advice can offer advice on a range of areas and can also help people to manage fuel related debt and access emergency support if needed. Call ☎ 01799 618858 or email warmhomes@uttlesfordca.org.uk

Financial help and advice: It is estimated that more than 3,000 households in Uttlesford are struggling to pay their bills or cutting back on food or their use of gas or electricity to pay for other household essentials. If you are worried, you are not alone. Please get in touch with our team of trained advisers for help to access:

- Universal Credit & Disability Benefits, benefits for working families
- Support for carers, help from your local council, such as council tax support
- Help to save money on your energy bills & grants to improve energy efficiency
- Budgeting & debt support employment advice & access to support for job seekers,
- Support with housing and homelessness issues
- Emergency funds for prescriptions and other household essentials
- Local foodbanks and children's clothes banks, school holiday support

You don't need to be on benefits to ask for our help and **our advice is free, confidential and impartial**. For online advice go to www.citizensadvice.org.uk Call ☎ 01799 618840 ✉ help@uttlesfordca.org.uk Visit one-touch video access point in Great Dunmow library!

If you are passionate about social justice and have some time to spare, why not join our team of volunteers? You will meet new people, gain new skills and experiences. We welcome applications from all sections of the community, so what are you waiting for? Visit our website for more information and to find out about the different volunteer roles available. www.uttlesfordca.org.uk



SDS Installations Ltd

AERIAL AND SATELLITE SERVICES
FOREIGN SATELLITE SYSTEMS - CCTV - EXTRA TV POINTS - SKY LINK UPS
PHONE POINTS - HOME SIGNAL DISTRIBUTION - WALL MOUNTED PLASMA/
LCD SCREENS - CABLES SUPPLIED AND HIDDEN

Alan Smith
50 Sunnyside
Stansted
Essex CM24 8AX

01279 279012
07771 881042
sdsinstallations@hotmail.com
sdsinstallations.com

6 Windmill Close
Great Dunmow
Essex CM6 3AX

Andrew Allen Heating Services

07973 688286

lunarpond@hotmail.co.uk

- 'Gas Safe' registered
- Boiler and appliance servicing and breakdowns
- Plumbing and heating installation and maintenance
- Natural gas
- Landlord certificates

CLEAR OVENS

Oven Cleaning Specialists

01279 89 89 96

we accept cards!
VISA
MasterCard

Make your oven look showroom fresh with a professional clean from **Clear Ovens**. Our fully insured expert technicians will make it shine like new.



Covering Sawbridgeworth, Harlow Epping, Great Dunmow, Braintree, Stansted, Bishop's Stortford and surrounding areas.

01279 89 89 96 or visit us online at
www.clearovens.co.uk

The difference is clear

ELSENHAM TENNIS CLUB

By Petra Studholme ☎ 01279 814667



ETC Quiz Night – Saturday 13 November, 7.30pm for 8pm at the

Bowls & Social Club For a bit of a brain workout, join us for our annual quiz.

£8 per brain (person) – please ring Petra on ☎ 01279 814667 or even better email us at mail@elsenhamtennisclub.co.uk including if you have any dietary requirements that we need to be aware of. Bar and raffle.

Half-price Membership from 1 October to 31 March. Take advantage:

Our membership fees are amongst the lowest in the area. We are offering half-price membership for the remaining six months of our membership year; and it is quick and easy to join, just sign up online. www.elsenhamtennisclub.co.uk.

Individual membership: £32.50

Couple: £57.50

Family: £62.50

Senior: £20

Student: 17.50

Junior: £7.50

We have floodlights that mean we can play until 10.30pm as well as regular club nights, competitive league play (including inter-club), ladies' mornings and coaching (individual and group lessons). Court bookings are all online, you will get your own key and we will show you how to operate the lights via tokens you can purchase from us. To find out more, visit our website, or you can get in touch via Facebook or ✉ mail@elsenhamtennisclub.co.uk.

AGM and new committee

Thank you to everyone who attended our AGM late September. We would like to thank Oscar Nisbett who stepped down due to work commitments and welcome Kyle Robinson onto the committee. A massive thank you to the committee for their ongoing hard work, Jim for running club nights, Jenny for organizing ladies' mornings, Jon for captaining the men's team, Steve for his coaching and evening sessions as well as our gardening volunteers Viv and Richard. Not to forget Barry for all his work with the Bowls Club and ECA.

New committee as follows: Mike Stiles (chairperson), Paul Burt (treasurer), Linda Steer (secretary), Petra Studholme (membership secretary), Steve Smith (head coach), Barry Halliwell, Stuart Mackeonis, Kyle Robinson (committee members).

Inter-club matches starting up again this winter

We are pleased to announce that we have entered the Essex Small Club League with both a men's and a mixed team. We are looking for players so let us know if you want to participate. With a view to also entering a ladies' team next summer, would be great to get some more ladies involved. Matches are arranged in the evenings (as we are lucky enough to have floodlights) or during the weekend. In addition to some competitive tennis, it's also a social event.

Christmas tree festival

Elsenham Tennis Club is going to participate again in the yearly event at the church. We will decorate our own tree (yes - it will be tennis related).

Weekly schedule:

Tuesday evening – cardio tennis

Tuesday evening– club night

Wednesday morning – ladies' morning

Thursday evening – two group coaching sessions

Friday morning – ladies' morning

Sunday afternoon – leisure play

November 2021

Binwash

We clean
your
wheelie
bins!

Commercial & Domestic



Monthly Cleaning
from just £4.50!

Professional equipment

Same day as waste collection

www.binwash-uk.com

01799 529899

enquiries@binwash-uk.com

Naomi



Gardening & Design

Creating outdoor spaces for living



Garden maintenance & advice



Garden design & consultation



Bespoke planting designs

Call for a free estimate

M: 07778 620576

E: Naomi@NaomiGardenDesign.co.uk

W: www.NaomiGardeningandDesign.co.uk

Trained at Capel Manor College

ANGLIA



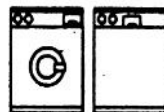
ELECTRICS

Established 1972

Domestic Appliance Repair Service

We offer Specialist Dishwasher,
Refrigeration & Cooker Service, in addition
to our long established and renowned
Washing Machine Service

Our Engineers are
Experienced and
Trained to service
most makes



01279 658767

Friendly Prompt Service

Naomi



Gardening & Design

Creating outdoor spaces for living



Garden maintenance & advice



Garden design & consultation



Bespoke planting designs

Call for a free estimate

M: 07778 620576

E: Naomi@NaomiGardenDesign.co.uk

W: www.NaomiGardeningandDesign.co.uk

Trained at Capel Manor College

NICK SHUTES PAINTING AND DECORATING LTD

High quality interior and
exterior redecoration

Woodwork repairs and
replacements

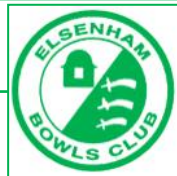
Fascias, soffits and cladding

01799 542385
07885 778213

www.nickshutesdecorating.co.uk

ELSENHAM BOWLS AND SOCIAL CLUB

By Therese Clear ☎ 816535 ✉ ebc@tavasar.net



Here is a reminder of what goes on in our lovely club:

Monday – 7pm. Pool League run by Lee Reilly. Our pool team is called Baize of Glory and they are playing at home on the 1 and 22 November, and 6 December. Come along and watch them in action.

Also on Mondays we have started a practice/training crib session for those of you who would like to play a game or two or who would like to learn how to play. It's a really good card game and certainly keeps the little grey cells working. Come and have a go.

Tuesday – 7pm. This is when the crib league plays. We have two teams in Elsenham and play either at home or away with local teams. The bar is open.

Wednesday – 7pm is Darts Night – open to all newcomers where you will have a good laugh as well as a competitive game of darts.

Thursday – 7pm. is Short Mat Bowls – this is like outdoor bowls but instead of grass you play on a carpet and you only need a very gentle touch. Come and watch, maybe have a go or just have a drink at the bar.

Friday – 7pm. Club Night – no activities are going on and members can come along for a drink and to socialise. Non-members are welcome but need to be signed in by a member. Non-members are welcome to come to the club and be signed in four times before being asked if they wish to join. Membership is still only £9.

Other planned events are:

BINGO – 6 November and 20 November

ABBA Duo – Saturday, 11 December, 8pm. Tickets £10 with a buffet during the interval.

Hope to see you sometime.

Village Café *by Sue Waite*

It's so lovely being back in action after all the lockdown months.

Our coffee mornings in the Bowls Club are busy with conversation and laughter and new friendships being made – people are enjoying getting together again. We offer fresh coffee, toast, tea cakes and crumpets. We can also cater for you if you have allergies.

Our afternoon teas in the Memorial Hall are less busy but still an enjoyable and welcoming place. We have fresh sandwiches, quiche and sausage rolls and lots and lots of home baked cakes. Jackie Tipton runs a chair exercise class before tea at 1.15. Join us. See diary and page 24 for details of times.

Paddy McKeown



WALDEN
Sweepers

- ◆ Services offered include:
- ◆ Chimney and Flue Sweeping
- ◆ Wood Burning Stoves
- ◆ Open Fires
- ◆ Aga/Rayburn
- ◆ Bird Nest Removal
- ◆ CCTV Examinations

t: 01799 599981
m: 07956 099788
e: paddy@waldensweepers.myzen.co.uk

WWW.WALDENCHIMNEYSWEEPS.CO.UK

CHIROPODIST & PODIATRIST

Bishop's Stortford

- Orthotics
- Diabetic Foot Care
- Saturday Clinics
- Routine Treatment

R. Handford & Colleagues
H.C. P.C Registered

Bishop's Stortford - 16 Hockerill
Street

01279 652249

www.feet.org.uk

FROM THE PARISH REGISTERS

Thanksgiving for the Birth of a Child:

- On Sunday 19 September 2021 at Elsenham Village Hall, Eric Mark Dowsett-Hughes.

Funeral:

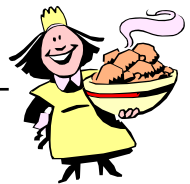
- Service of Thanksgiving at Elsenham Church, followed by a burial at St Mary's Church Elsenham Churchyard on 7 October 2021, William George Brealey, aged 75 years, of Robin Hood Road, Elsenham

Burial of Ashes:

- On 9 October 2021 at St Mary's Church Elsenham Churchyard, Norman Francis Knapett and Eileen Harris

COOKERY CORNER

By Sue Johnson ☎ 812704



This is a delicious way of using up cooked turkey or chicken.

TURKEY, HAM AND MUSHROOM CREAM PIE (serves 6)

12oz (350g) cooked turkey or chicken, chopped

3oz (75g) smoked bacon, finely chopped 2 tablespoons brandy

1oz (25g) butter 3fl oz (75ml) cream – single or double

1 medium onion, chopped 1 tablespoon chopped fresh parsley

3oz (75g) mushrooms, quartered Salt and freshly milled black pepper

1oz (25g) plain flour 12oz (350g) ready rolled puff pastry

12fl oz (350ml) chicken stock Beaten egg to glaze

Melt the butter in a large saucepan and gently sauté the onion for 5 minutes, then add the mushrooms and cook until softened, stirring for a further 5 minutes. Remove from pan with a draining spoon.

Add the bacon to the pan and fry until it turns golden at the edges. Return the mushrooms and onions with their juices and sprinkle in the flour. Stir until the flour has soaked up the juices.

Next add the stock, little by little, stirring until the sauce has thickened. Add the parsley, cream and brandy. Season to taste. Remove from heat and leave to cool.

When it is time to cook the pie, pre-heat the oven to 220°/200°fan/gas mark 7. Mix the chicken or turkey pieces into the cold sauce. Place in a pie dish. Cover with the pastry, trimming as needed. Glaze the pastry top with the beaten egg and decorate with any trimmings. Bake the pie in the oven for about 30 minutes.

Serve with a plain green salad, spinach or any green vegetables of choice.

CHEF'S TIP: Lots of alternatives here for using up leftovers after Christmas. If you have any spare cooked ham, use instead of the bacon. Leeks can replace the onion, or use celery instead of the mushrooms. The quantities here can be easily halved. Use your surplus pastry to make some home-made sausage rolls.

Editorial Information

Articles

The **last day** for editors to receive articles, advertising and letters, which must contain the author's name and address (which may be withheld), is **the 12th of each month**.

Articles should ideally consist of a half page of A5 or a full page of A5. Articles over these sizes or letters containing more than 500 words may be edited depending on space.

Copy submitted after the 12th may not be accepted but will, if deemed appropriate, be held over to the next month. We are happy to receive handwritten articles that ideally should reach us earlier than the 12th to allow for scanning etc.

Dates for the Diary must include date, event, venue and time.

Please submit all articles, adverts, letters and queries to the editorial team at: elsenhamsnews@hotmail.co.uk

General Notes

Whilst every effort is made to ensure that information is correct, the editorial team cannot be held responsible for any inconvenience caused through errors or omissions.

The views expressed within this magazine are not necessarily the views of the editorial team or Elsenham Community Association (ECA).

The editors and the ECA can accept no responsibility for the goods or services advertised in the magazine. Advertisements are included in good faith. The editors reserve the right to allow replies to letters/articles to be made in the same edition when appropriate.

The editors' decision is final.

Wanted/For Sale items: village residents may submit details of items wanted or for sale at no charge. These will be included in the next available magazine subject to space and acceptance by the editors.

Subscriptions

Elsenham News is available by email (on a pdf) at no charge, or through the post at a cost of £13 per annum. Contact Sarah, see details below.

Advertising

The costs are as follows:

	Single Insertion	Annual Cost (11 issues)
Half Page	£20	£190
Quarter Page	£10	£100
Inside Page	£50	n/a
Back Page	£75	n/a

Village organisations attract reduced rates, £5 for ¼ page. Half and full-page adverts attract full rates.

To place an advertisement:

For any queries please contact us. Please send your advert as Word or Publisher via email to elsenhamsnews@hotmail.co.uk

Once your advert has been approved and you are happy with it, you will be sent an invoice, which should be paid by BACS.

Flyers

It costs £50 to insert an advertising flyer into the magazine. You must let us know by the deadline of the 12th. You must also provide the flyers.

Editorial Team

Sarah Alder	817660
Marion Giles-Donovan	812763
Heather Baxter	812924

ECA Website

www.ElsenhamCommunityAssociation.org.uk

If you respond to one of the adverts in the magazine, please tell the advertiser that you found them in *Elsenham News*.



UPCOMING EVENTS

Elsenham Village History Meeting 10 November 8pm Memorial Hall

Elsenham Tennis Club Quiz 13 November Bowls & Social Club

Christmas Tree Festival—Elsenham Church 4-5 December

Traditional Boxing Day Walk Sunday 26 December 11am

VILLAGE CONTACTS

Airport Roadside Parking		0800 731 2385
Beavers	1stthenhamandelsenham@gmail.com	
Bowls Club	Jean Platt	816151
Brownies	elsenhambrownies@outlook.com	
Church Office (Old Frank's, High St, Elsenham)	Anna Hicks	814285
County Councillor (Stansted)	Ray Gooding	813103
Cricket Club	David Brown	831011
The Crown pub	info@thecrown.info	814310
Cub Scouts	1stthenhamandelsenham@gmail.com	
Elsenham Community Association (ECA)	www.ElsenhamCommunityAssociation.org.uk	
ECA (Chairman)	Allan Hathaway	813385
ECA (Secretary)	Moyra Jackson	647351
Elsenham Surgery	www.elsenhamsurgery.nhs.uk	814730
Elsenham C of E Primary School	Linda Todd Headteacher	813198
Elsenham Church PCC Secretary	David Hill	812397
Elsenham Rights of Way website	www.e-voice.org.uk/erowos/	
Friends of Elsenham School (FOES)	Gemma Mills	07745 036066
Guides elsenhamguides@gmail.com	Gemma Schafer	07792 572423
Henham & District Garden Society	Moyra Jackson	647351
History Society	Mike Rea evhs12@hotmail.co.uk	813634
Member of Parliament	Kemi Badenoch	0207 219 1943
Memorial Hall Bookings	Cheryl Rae	817834
Neighbourhood Watch Co-ordinator	Frances Lambert	07771 728332
	franceslambertnhw@btinternet.com	
Parish Clerk - Louise Johnson	louise.epc@gmail.com	07456 791727
Elsenham Parish Council Website	https://elsenham-pc.gov.uk/	
Police		101
Post Office		812175
Rainbows	elsenhamrainbows@outlook.com	
St Mary's Fabric Fund	Elizabeth Barker	813543
Scouts	1stthenhamandelsenham@gmail.com	
Tennis Club	Petra Studholme	814667
Tots & Toddlers	Trudi Marsh	899864
Uttlesford District Councillors	Petrina Lees	816675
(for Elsenham & Henham)	Garry LeCount	07836 346717
Village Hall Bookings	Annie Gleeson	07809 490731
Village Hall email address	elsenhamvillagehall@gmail.com	
Women's Institute	Gill Hathaway	813385
WI website	www.elsenhamwi.co.uk	
Youth Football Club (Chairman)		07786 933280

If you would like your village organisation contact to appear regularly in the magazine, please contact one of the editors, see Editorial Information for details.

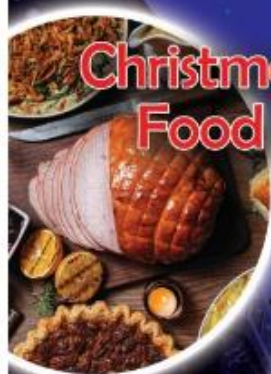


Clifford's

Country Grocers and Farm Shop

Opening Times | Mon to Sat 08.30 to 17.00 | Sun 09.00 to 16.00

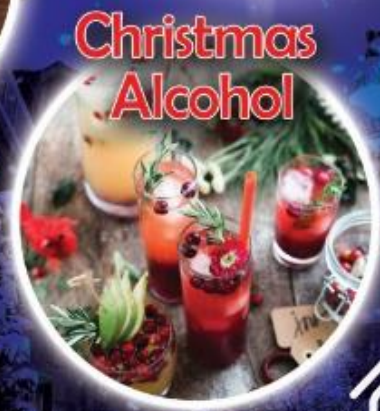
Come and visit our Christmas Shop!



**Christmas
Food**

**Pre-Order
Turkey
& Meats**

**Festive Gifts
& Hampers**



**Christmas
Alcohol**



**Newly Extended
Tea Room!**



PIG STY TEA ROOM

Mon to Sat 09.00 to 16.00 | Sun 09.00 to 16.00

Breakfasts, Lunches & Afternoon Teas

www.cliffords.info orders@cliffords.info  [Facebook@Clifford's](https://www.facebook.com/Clifford's)

The Barn, Pledgdon Hall, Nr Henham CM22 6BJ, 01279 248201