

# Elsenham News

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

<b>Day</b>	<b>Time</b>	<b>Activity</b>	<b>Location</b>
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	Memorial Hall (term-time)
Saturday	9am-12pm	Junior Football	Playing Field

### **October diary**

Sat 2	Elvis Night	Bowls & Social Club 7.30 for 8pm
Mon 4	Parish Council Meeting	Memorial Hall 8pm
Tues 5	Henham & District Garden Society	Outing
Tues 5 & 19	Elsenham Community Choir	Village Hall 7-8.30pm
Thurs 7 & 21	Village Café Afternoon Tea	Memorial Hall 2 - 4pm
Fri 8 & 22	Church Lunch Club	Memorial Hall 12.30pm
Sat 9	Bingo	Bowls & Social Club 7.30 for 8pm
Tues 12 & 26	Village Café Coffee Morning	Bowls & Social Club 9.30am
Tues 12	Life Drawing	Village Hall 7.30pm
Thurs 21	Elsenham WI	Memorial Hall 7.45pm
Sat 30	Simply Swing Evening with Lewis	Bowls & Social Club 7.30pm

# THE NEWS REPORT

From The Editors



Welcome to the October edition of *Elsenham News*, packed with articles and adverts as usual. I shall sign off saying “see you next month” as usual, but I won’t be able to do that for much longer.

## Is this the end for Elsenham News?

The current Elsenham News team is stepping down at the end of the year, so there will be a November and a December issue but then, unless people come forward to form a new team, there will be no more magazine.

If you enjoy the magazine and find it useful then please think about whether you can help, or if you know someone who might. If you can help or you would just like to know a bit more, no commitment, then please contact Allan Hathaway at the community association who is leading the hunt for a new team, email [allanhathaway@sky.com](mailto:allanhathaway@sky.com).

There’s a range of tasks to be done each month: talking to advertisers, checking articles have been emailed in, 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 there you can help with, please get in touch.

## Looking ahead to Christmas

New for this year is the Christmas Market, a seasonal variation of the wonderful event that popped up when the fete had to be cancelled in June. The market will be on Saturday, 27 November from 2-9pm in both the Village Hall (in the school) and in the Memorial Hall (on the playing field). Local businesses and enterprising villagers are invited to take a stall and the event is also supporting village facilities and projects. If you would like to book a stall contact Victoria Farrall ☎ 07887 766247 or ✉ [victoriafarrall@hotmail.co.uk](mailto:victoriafarrall@hotmail.co.uk).

Happy reading, see you next month,

*The Editors*



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

Day: Thursdays:

Dates: 7 & 28 October and 18 November 2021

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- **LEARNING FOR LIFE** -

Is your child due to start school in September 2022?

We are holding an Open morning on Tuesday 12<sup>th</sup> October at 9.30am and an Open Afternoon on Thursday 14<sup>th</sup> October at 1.45pm.

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### **Santa's Elves will be in quarantine until Christmas Eve!**

We at Santa HQ have decided to stay inside during the lead up to Christmas, so that we're safe to carry on making presents for Santa to deliver on Christmas Eve. Unfortunately, this means we are unable to prepare and run a Santa event at Elsenham Village Hall this year.

### **Calling new helpers!**

We are looking for people to help us arrange and run the Santa 2022 event. We've had the same team helping to arrange Santa for decades and our numbers are getting smaller. In order to carry on we need some fresh and motivated people to join the team. Are you interested? We'd love to hear from you! We will meet in spring 2022 and then begin planning in the summer. Please get in touch if you'd like to join the team, or to find out more.



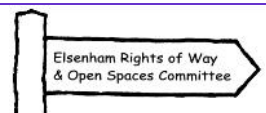
### **Elsenham Village Hall needs a new Treasurer – can you help?**

The role will take about four hours of your time once a month and involves paying bills, invoicing, reconciling the bank statements, year-end accounts and Charity Commission returns – help will of course initially be given.

We are a small and friendly team, so if you want to find out more, please call Elaine Terry 📞 07962 586825 or ✉ elaine.terry@btinternet.com and let's have a chat. Thank you.

### **TEMPORARY FOOTPATH CLOSURE** - Footpath 32 Elsenham & Footpath 44 at the motorway footbridge.

By *erowos@btopenworld.com*



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# ELSENHAM C OF E PRIMARY SCHOOL

By Linda Todd, Headteacher



The new school year has started and we have all hit the ground running! There have been lots of changes for us all to take on board, not least a new Headteacher. I am delighted to be returning to Elsenham C of E Primary School, where I started my teaching career quite some time ago, before I headed off to follow my dream in Singapore to teach abroad. Back then Elsenham Primary School had just five classes and I started off in a leaky demountable before being 'promoted' into the main building.


The expansion that the school has experienced since then is really impressive, and yet despite the significant growth in numbers, it has been good to witness that the school has retained its village school, community feel – something which attracted me to the position of Headteacher here. After enjoying a number of teaching positions, followed by 20 years of Headship, in a variety of very different schools, it feels like I am coming home. I have been given a wonderfully warm welcome by the staff, children and families and am excited about what lies ahead for us all.

We are now a two form entry school and welcomed our full capacity of new Reception children into Cherry and Acorn classes. We have also welcomed some new children and families across the school, as well as some new staff. I hope that they all settle in quickly and are already feeling a part of the school community.

I cannot believe that we are already thinking about the new intake for September 2022! We will be holding an Open Morning on Tuesday 12 October and an Open Afternoon on Thursday 14 October. **Please see our advert in this publication on page 4 and our website for information.**

We are so pleased to be able once again to have face-to-face contact with parents. Whilst we are all still very mindful of the need to be cautious around the potential for the spread of the covid virus, there is greater normality in the way school is operating now. Hygiene routines and vigilance around managing potential positive cases remains key to keeping us all safe and I am sure we are all hopeful that we are moving forward towards an increasingly more normal way of life.

I am certainly looking forward to gradually getting to know the Elsenham families and community and I am excited about the next stage of my career leading our very special school.

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# ELSENHAM PARISH COUNCIL 6 SEPTEMBER 2021

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



There had been an overwhelming response from Essex residents for donations of clothes, toiletries and other items for people arriving from Afghanistan. Several families from Afghanistan have been placed in hotels in Essex.

North Hall Road remains closed. Essex Highways does not seem to have progressed any further since the meeting held with the structural engineers on 14 July 2021. A website set up on the 1 April 2021 by Essex Highways to keep residents informed of the progress of the road has never been updated.

The Parish Council was very sad to learn that unless volunteers come forward, *Elsenham News* will stop being published after December 2021. This magazine has been an important part of Elsenham since the 1970s, and it will be greatly missed.

The Parish Council sincerely thanks the current publishing team and everyone that has worked on this magazine over the years, including the many people that deliver the magazine to every home in the village, all free of charge.

The memorial to the WW1 victims, on Church Lane has been damaged by the lorries delivering to the adjacent field. This is going to be repaired by an experienced craftsman.

The new gates for Isabel Drive play area, which are to replace the ones vandalized, are being delivered the week commencing 15 September. The rocking horse in the playing field is still awaiting its repaint.

An onsite meeting took place with Dandara, the developer of the 99 houses off Isabel Drive and off Stansted Road. An onsite meeting is to be held with Bloor, 350 houses of Henham Road, on 1 October 2021.

## VACANCIES ON Elsenham Parish Council

Two vacancies have occurred for Parish Councillors on Elsenham Parish Council

If you would like to be considered for one of the positions, please email or write to the clerk, Louise Johnson, contact details above.

Closing date for applications to be received by Louise is **15 October 2020**.

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Please do join us, it's only £2 a session.

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Find us on our Elsenham Community Choir Facebook page or call ☎ 07962 586825 if you have any queries.

And remember, research has shown that singing can be good for you on many levels. Whether it's singing in a community choir like ours or in the shower, it can help lower stress, enhance memory, improve mental health, and help make new friends, so go on, give it a go, everyone is welcome!



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# SCOUTING NEWS

By Matt Morland (Akela) ☎ 07747 272706



Signing-off for summer holidays doesn't seem that long ago, but 1st Henham & Elsenham is already back to Scouting for girls and boys, and in a BIG way for Autumn 2021. A tremendous effort by our leadership team over the holidays sees us starting the term with a new Beaver Colony on Friday evenings for 6 to 8 year-olds and a new Scout Troop on Wednesday Evenings for 10½ to 14 year-olds, meaning we can offer Scouting places to 40 additional young people from our community. We also welcome Tik Toc (Louis) who is joining us as part of our Young Leader training programme and was invested in front of his Beavers at their first meeting.

During the summer holidays our new Scout Troop organised a number of "Holiday Hikes" for the opportunity to meet each other, discuss activities and make a positive contribution to the running of their new troop, in line with the concept of Scouting being "youth-led". Our 4-hour hikes took us out to the airport via Tye Green, a picnic on the end of the runway, returning along the Bourne back to Elsenham.



At the time of writing, all sections have held their first meetings of the term. All new members have been learning about scouting, its history, what we do and why, as well as getting to know other Scouters and their leaders. A short notice scheduling conflict meant that all of our leaders had to think quickly to change plans for their



first meetings, but we were able to put together alternative activities for our Scouts. Wednesday Beavers hiked the gym trail and practised hula hoop skills, Friday Beavers decamped to the Memorial Hall for biscuit decorating and games, Cubs took a hike around the quarry and golf course and Scouts went backwoods cooking, all working towards Beaver, Cub and Scout badge requirements.

The first part of our Group expansion plans is well under way as we work to consolidate the new sections with more members and additional leader support, with the next steps still to come. Watch this space...!



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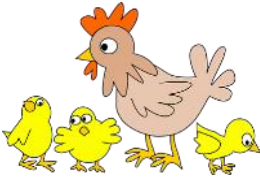
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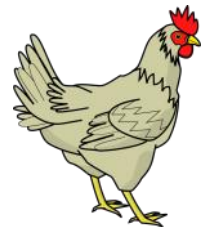
We have had an amazing summer and have tried and tested so many new attractions, such as our Love a Lamb sessions, our brilliant campsite where folk loved a bit of wild camping, and the Daisy May's Hatchery where you got to take chicks home and enjoy them for a while. All of our new attractions have proven to be a brilliant success.

Whilst we can't keep offering all these attractions through the colder months, you can still enjoy activities such as meeting and feeding the animals, counting the carrots around the farm, enjoying the seasonal arts and crafts, and taking a hike through our Woodland Trail - there is always something to see and do at Daisy May's Farm.

Please make sure you keep an eye on our Facebook page as visiting times may change through the winter months and our animals really do want to keep seeing you, even when it's a bit chilly.

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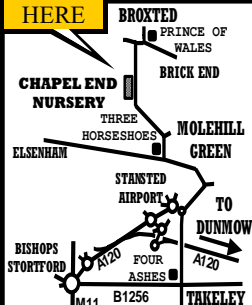
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## DEVELOPMENT DEVELOPMENTS

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



Should parish councils talk to developers? It is a question on which views differ. There are those who maintain that developers are untrustworthy rogues only interested in what they can get out of it, and certainly not bothered about the best interests of the parish. There are others who say that actually it's the Government that insists on lots of new houses; developers don't have forked tails, they are only trying to make a living and, furthermore, when considered as individuals, some of them might even have exemplary records when it comes to such matters as visiting their aged relatives and making charitable donations. Others again say, if you can't stop them you might as well talk to them, you won't get much out of them but any little you do get is more than nothing.

These thoughts are prompted by recent contact with an outfit called Dandara, which have purchased the two sites comprising two fields off Isabel Drive and one field off Stansted Road (adjacent to the motorway - you must have seen their sign) which have joint outline permission for 99 new homes. The big issue is whether they will agree to make a contribution to the new Community Hall. The area reserved is very close to their site, and they have promised to think about it. They have agreed to erect notices to shepherd construction traffic into the site, and they are committed to keeping mud off the road through rigorous wheel-washing. There is agreement to improve the public right of way which runs alongside Alsa Wood, although it will stop short at the northern boundary of the two fields - beyond that lies Ugley parish, and the site of yet another housing application. There is also agreement to improve the public right of way through the wood to the footbridge over the motorway, although for reasons unknown Essex Highways will be responsible.

But no headway was made on the subject of keeping open the access to the informal path, with no known owner, which runs along the south of Orchard Crescent and enables access for many village residents to Alsa Wood. Dandara claim concern at the possibility that some unknown person, at some unknown time in the future, is liable to spring up waving a crumpled piece of paper and claim that Dandara are liable for encouraging people onto a path which is rightfully theirs, and that an enormous wodge of damages is due. This implausible scenario is, say Dandara, sufficient to stop them providing a footpath leading directly to the boundary. But they have left a gap in their housing there, and instead of a proper footpath it should be possible to walk over a grass verge, which, apparently, will satisfy them. It will be much the quickest way for many of their residents to the surgery and the station. Presumably the muddier it gets, the more it will confirm that they never intended anyone to walk over it.

Discontent was expressed to Dandara over what is known as the 'housing mix', on the grounds that there are not enough bungalows to satisfy even Uttlesford's meagre quota of 5%. Furthermore, the few which are included are all on one site, and all of them are 'affordable' (always a relative term) rather than being available on the open market, say for downsizing purposes. The deadline for representations has passed. We await a decision.

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First of all, may I thank all those involved with our Garden Party & BBQ on 4 September. Thanks to Stewart, our BBQ expert, Jo for the salads, Charles and Linda for the very popular children's games and all the many others who helped with the organisation. Most of all thanks to our villagers who turned up to support us. It turned out to be a most enjoyable afternoon (extending somewhat beyond our planned 6pm cut-off!). Several people have asked me if this could be a regular event, and that is an idea we will be taking very seriously. A "late summer party" may well become a feature of the village calendar.

The church Fabric Fund is not a religious organisation, but exists to raise money to help support the maintenance of this lovely early Norman building – one of the oldest churches in Essex still in regular use. Your help in our endeavours is very much appreciated, and if you haven't visited the Church (just off Hall Road, opposite the pub), please do so. Membership of the Fund costs just £5 a year (more, if you are feeling generous), so call me if you want to know more.

However, onwards and upwards, as they say.

## **The Christmas Tree festival**

This now occupying our thoughts. We are looking for people – organisations or individuals – to supply and decorate a tree in our church over the weekend of 4-5 December. The premise is simple: for a nominal fee of £10 (£5 for individuals) you are invited to display a decorated tree in the church. The tree can be of any style or size (within limitations) and can promote your business, thoughts, opinions etc. The church will be open over that weekend for people to come and admire your work. Seasonal refreshments will be available, together with music, etc. This festival started in 2009 as the first part of our church's 900-year anniversary celebrations and has grown beyond all expectations. Come and be a part of it! Obviously this will depend on any Covid restrictions that may be in place, but we are optimists.

If you want to book a space or know more, give Jill a call ☎ 812397. We would also love to have help in the various tasks involved in the setting up and running of the festival, so if you would like to become part of what is now a village tradition, this is your chance.

Thanks for reading this. Take care and stay safe.



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# ELSENHAM VILLAGE HISTORY SOCIETY

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After the trials and tribulations of the Covid lockdown it was with some excitement that we held our first face to face meeting since March 2019. Twenty three members and visitors turned up to hear Nina Gaubert talk about the plan to evacuate Essex in the event of a German invasion during WW1, more of this below. As this was the first meeting of 2021 the opportunity was taken to hold the deferred AGM which saw the existing officers re-elected to serve for another year. To remind you they are, Chairman Ray Franklin; Vice Chairman David Verlander; Treasurer Paul Salvidge; Secretary Mike Rea and of course Gordon Barker remains our President. Heather Salvidge and Chris Bush serve as committee members which at present has two vacancies.

So, to the evacuation plan. Early in World War 1 it was decided by government that in the event of invasion there should be a plan put in place to evacuate Essex and other east coast counties under the management of Local Emergency Committees. Once the evacuation order was given, civilians were to gather three days' supply of food (biscuits and cocoa), their jewellery and money before setting out to walk across the county into Hertfordshire and then onto Oxfordshire, the final destination. The routes were designed to avoid main roads that were reserved for military traffic. There were a total of twenty-three routes heading westwards out of Essex through Hertfordshire. Henham and Elsenham were on route six although Elsenham itself is not mentioned by name in the plans. Residents of all ages were expected to walk from Henham down Hall Road to Old Mead, over Elsenham level crossing, taking New Road to Orford House at Ugley, onwards to Manuden and enter Hertfordshire through Stocking Pelham. Now it would continue through Furneaux Pelham, Little Hornead, Buntingford, Cottered, Clothall and Baldock and leave that county via Stotfold. With thousands of people on the move through narrow twisting lanes and no signposts - they were all removed to confuse the enemy – there was the makings of chaos especially when you consider that at that time a lot of people hadn't been more than a few miles from where they were born. In 1916, the Home Office decided that a general evacuation was unnecessary and civilians would only be moved for exceptional reasons, unspecified. In conclusion, the plan had all the hallmarks of having been put together by people with no practical idea of what they were expecting from the populace. The full story may be found on the Henham History website, <http://www.henhamhistory.org/WW1essexevacuationplan.html> and my thanks go to Nina Gaubert for permission to use extracts from that site.

Looking forward, our next meeting is on Wednesday 10 November at 8pm when Ken MacDonald, Secretary of the 100 Parishes Society will be speaking about, yes you've guessed it, the 100 Parishes – a large, attractive, gently-undulating area, around 450 square miles of northwest Essex, northeast Hertfordshire and southern Cambridgeshire that is largely unspoilt and richly endowed with many fine examples of agricultural and built heritage. We look forward to welcoming 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.



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Always lock your bike with at least one good quality lock. • It is preferable to use two different types of lock at the same time. This means that the thief will require different tools to cut the locks and will also take longer, increasing the chance of being caught. Choose a quality D-lock and substantial chain with padlock from Sold Secure. • Never leave your bike unlocked, even for a moment, both when you are out and at home. Ensure the lock is away from the ground and as tight as possible. • Keeping the locks away from the ground prevents them being smashed open. • Use the D-lock to lock the frame and wheel to the stand and put the chain around as much of the bike as possible before attaching it to the stand. The more space there is around the locks, the easier it is for a thief to get tools around to break them. If possible, leave your bike where it can be seen by passers-by and CCTV.

Bold thieves will cut locks in broad daylight because they know it is unlikely anyone will challenge them. Lock your bike to a secure purpose made cycle stand or another immovable object. • Never leave your bike attached to a movable object such as a temporary sign outside a shop or a plastic drainpipe. • If possible, use cycle parking that is within an access-controlled area but don't forget to use your normal locks as well. • And finally, don't forget to lock your bike to a secure immovable object at home as well.

## ELSENHAM FLOWER SHOW SOCIETY

Sue Johnson ☎ 812704



Although we were unable to hold our show this year, at the time of cancelling we had already received 17 entries into the Children's Handicraft Class from Elsenham Brownies.

Our handicraft judge was delighted to award first, second and third prizes to Holly, Audrey and Grace respectively.

Well done girls. Thank you for your lovely exhibits.





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Who doesn't like to dream? To allow the promise of an "Indian Summer" to help us escape from the unmistakable signs of the turning of the season? The nights, though, steadily darken and become cold, and soon the trees are bare and the frost is on the ground. We have our Harvest Festivities to offer thanks for the bounty of the summer, and bonfires to bring us together, warm us and encourage each other, safe in the knowledge that we will once again be blessed with the return of spring.

We must all have dreamed in 2020, dreamed that the signs of the coming pandemic were not true; but the reality steadily darkened, and we were without the knowledge to be able to encourage each other that brighter days were approaching. Are we now? I hope that, in the often-quoted words of Winston Churchill, that this is, if not the end, then at least "the end of the beginning".

What have we learnt during this time? We have all had an internal dialogue, which, depending on our circumstances, personalities, knowledge or fears, has been unique. We have had our nearest and dearest to consider, our neighbours and villages, our country and the wider world. We have been bombarded by all sorts of information, some contradictory. What has been the right course of action to take?

What we all can agree on is that whatever we have done, we could not guarantee to avoid illness, and no earthly power could guarantee that on our behalf. How weak, vulnerable and naked we stood; and although we could put some hope in the NHS, scientists or the government, we knew that they could offer us no real assurance. Sometimes this realisation of our mortality and

powerlessness brought out the best in us: we tried to stand together, support each other and be kind. But often it brought out baser instincts: blaming others, whether loo roll hoarders, young people or foreigners, or being insensitive to those who were in fear.

In being forced to reflect on our mortality, how many of us came to the realisation that it is something over which we have no control? That it comes to us all? That it is subject to a greater power? Is it a "dream" we like to have that we can avoid the unmistakable signs of the end of our seasons? Or should we be confronting those signs and offering each other encouragement together in celebration that we can look forward, safe in the knowledge that our salvation is assured?

We have three little churches in our villages that offer that salvation through the good news of Jesus Christ. We are, (for now at least!) able to offer a service at each church and at Elsenham Village Hall every Sunday. At the moment we are without a vicar. The processes of the Church of England are proving to be complicated and cumbersome, but it is important that we take great care to find a candidate who can lead and unite our congregations and encourage other villagers to join us. We hope to have the vacancy filled next year, possibly as early as Easter. In the meantime, the preaching team have committed to offer sermons at every service. You can contact Anna at the Church Office or any of the "regulars" to find out more, and we would be delighted to see you and welcome you all.

*Alexander Way  
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## Church Services

**3<sup>rd</sup> October – Trinity 18:**

**Harvest festival at Henham & Elsenham**

8.45am BCP\* Holy Communion, Elsenham

10.00am BCP\* Holy Communion, Ugley

10.15am Morning Service, EVH\*\*

[11.15am Morning Service, Henham](#)

6.00pm Sunday@6, Henham

**10<sup>th</sup> October – Trinity 19:**

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

10.00am Morning Service, Ugley

10.15am Holy Communion, EVH

11.15am Morning Service, Henham

6.00pm Sunday@6, Henham

**17<sup>th</sup> October – Trinity 20:**

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

**24<sup>th</sup> October – Trinity 21:**

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

10.00am Morning Service, Ugley

10.15am All Age Service, EVH

11.15am All Age Service, Henham

6.00pm Sunday@6, Henham

**31<sup>st</sup> October – Trinity 22:**

8.45am BCP\* Morning Prayer, 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



## Other regular events

**St Peter's Junior Church**

**St Peter's, Ugley 10.00am**

Sundays: 3<sup>rd</sup>, 10<sup>th</sup> & 17<sup>th</sup>

**Elsenham Sunday Club/Explorers**

**(Y1-Y6) Old Franks, Elsenham**

10.15am Sundays: 3<sup>rd</sup>, 10<sup>th</sup> & 17<sup>th</sup>

**Henham Sunday Club/Explorers**

**(Reception-Y5) Church Hall,**

**Henham 11.00am** Sundays: 3<sup>rd</sup>, 10<sup>th</sup> & 17<sup>th</sup>

**Pathfinders (Y6-Y9)**

**St Mary's, Henham 6.00pm - leave**

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Sundays: 3<sup>rd</sup>, 10<sup>th</sup> & 17<sup>th</sup>

**Crammin' (Y10-Y13)**

**St Mary's, Henham 6.00pm followed**

**by 7.00pm at The Church Hall,**

**Henham. Sundays: 3<sup>rd</sup>, 10<sup>th</sup> & 17<sup>th</sup>**

**MID-WEEK AND SATURDAY:**

**Start the Week with Prayer**

**Church Hall, Henham 9.30am**

Mondays: 4<sup>th</sup>, 11<sup>th</sup>, 18<sup>th</sup> & 25<sup>th</sup>

**Seekers After School Bible Club**

**(Y3-Y4) Old Frank's 3.15pm**

Mondays: 4<sup>th</sup>, 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>

**Little Fishes Pre-School Group**

**Church Hall, Henham 10.15am**

Thursdays: 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 12.30pm**

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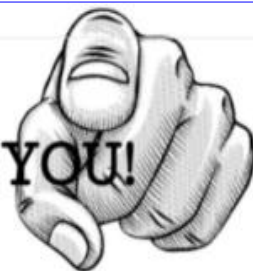
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The Hundred Parishes has a wealth of these mills, many retained through their conversion into private homes. Several may be seen on Hundred Parishes walks whose descriptions can be freely downloaded from [www.hundredparishes.org](http://www.hundredparishes.org)



On the River Cam, Hinxton once had three water mills. One remains, a 17th-century mill built on the site of an older one mentioned in Domesday as worth 8 shillings. It ceased to operate commercially in 1955 but now works again on days when it is open to the public – the final opening in 2021 is on October 3rd from 2:30pm to 5pm. It can be seen at any time from the outside – and is on our walk number 14.

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Ken McDonald, Secretary

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# NATURAL OUTLOOK ON THERE AND HERE

By Heather Salvidge ☎ 814153



About this time last year we were in very rural Shropshire, staying in a property accessed by a deep sunken lane and along from a working farm and its yard. Apart from growing the usual crops, they had diversified by running a partridge shoot and thus, as it was October, there were red-legged partridges all over the place. Red-legs are the imported species rather than the native greys. They are colourful birds, black and white faces, red bills, more black and white on chin and chest and on the back, tan on the neck fading to greyish and red legs.

There were also a number of albinos in the coveys. They would wander over the fields that had been harvested, visit feeding stations and stroll in groups along the lane unaware of their fate and drastically reducing traffic speed. Two days after we arrived, a Saturday, it was the day of the opening shoot; it was also raining on and off but getting heavy towards lunchtime. Partridges do not like taking to the air when it's pouring, they run for shelter instead. I'm not sure that the shooting party were happy about the weather either. The shoot moved on but did not, I think, last the full day. The result was that for the rest of our stay, there were red-legged partridges all over the shop, once again holding up the traffic in the lane which now had running water.

We had some gorgeous drives around the Craven Arms area and along the exceedingly precipitous aptly named Wenlock Edge and also into the Clee Hills. In fact our 'home' view was across to Apdon Burf. One nearby footpath took us up a hill towards Norton Camp, an old Iron Age hill fort, partly alongside a good farm hedge where we disturbed a large number of red-legs, a charm of 50+ goldfinches, some yellowhammers and a mixed group of long-tailed-tits and blue tits, saw and heard skylarks and saw crows, a robin and blackbirds. There were enough late flowering plants to add splashes of bright colour. Red kites were abundant in the area, far more so than around here, and on another local walk we watched an in-flight set-to between one and a crow; eventually the crow flew away so we presume it was one-up to the kite.

It was a wet drive home and wetter when we got here. An unpleasant surprise on checking the garden was to find out that our mulberry tree had the fruiting bodies of honey fungus round the base, as did, I found out the next day, the mature oak on DeMandeville Green. This tree is one of a line of oaks along Station Road protected by a tree preservation order (TPO) so the District Council had to be informed.

In woodlands, when the frost is late, it is more likely to get a range of long-lasting fungi and honey fungus is one of them. It is the fruiting body of bootlace-like rhizomorphs and is a parasite on some trees. The fungi are honey brown to olive green and erupt round deciduous trees and can affect some precious garden shrubs. Also about are fly agaric, red with white flecks, yellow wax caps in the grass, and a range of bracket fungus which grow like shelves out from deciduous trees.



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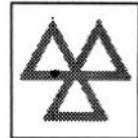
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On 19 August, some 50 members met in St John's Hall for our second monthly meeting since the lifting of Covid restrictions to hear Eve Regelous' amusing talk entitled "Everything Stops For Tea." She spoke about the history of tea from when it was introduced to Britain as a rare commodity, tea sampling and her experiences in various tea rooms such as The Ritz, Harrods and tea rooms around Essex. We were given recipes and the names of a few of Eve's favourite tea rooms.

On 28 August, about 30 people attended our second Saturday Seminar since lockdown ended.

Julian Whybra spoke at length about the history of East Seaxe, the origins of the tribes and settlers who lived in this region and Roman influence in what is now Essex. We learnt that East Seaxe was a kingdom from 527 AD to 839 AD and this is the basis of the name of Essex. In a fascinating talk he traced the names and lives of the kings of East Seaxe and included the origins of the names of many villages around here.



Now that Covid restrictions are lifted many of the interest groups are meeting again in person and a new Gardening Group is being launched.

Our next meeting is on 21 October when Tony Diamond will speak on "The History of Chocolate." This meeting will include the AGM and the committee is welcoming nominations for posts on the committee.

## GARDEN HINT *By Sue Johnson*

If herbaceous perennials have finished flowering, they can be cut back to ground level. Leave those with decorative seed heads to provide winter interest and habitat for wildlife.





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# ELSENHAM WOMEN'S INSTITUTE

By Moyra Jackson ☎ 647351



It's always the way – the schools go back and we have a run of warm, sunny days. Now it is feeling a little bit autumnal and I start to look forward to a change of season. I always think that Elsenham looks beautiful as the trees change from their summer greens to the rich colours of autumn.

I am delighted to say that all at our Centenary Party had a great time and it was wonderful being back together in the Hall. We were delighted to be joined by Joyce Dickson, former President of our WI. Guests from Ugley, Stansted and Manuden WIs joined us, as did our WI Advisor Pat Pratley and representing Essex Federation was Vice Chair Fiona Cattermole. Melanie of Star Buffets supplied a delicious Afternoon Tea, the celebration cake came from Karen's Cakes in Bishop's Stortford and singer and guitarist Stefan Butler provided the fantastic entertainment – many, many thanks to you all for helping make this a night to remember. The weather was kind and many of us danced the night away in the garden at the Memorial Hall. Our biggest thanks of the evening go to the 37 ladies who, at the formation meeting on 9 November 1921, started Elsenham WI. It has flourished throughout the intervening 100 years without a break despite a World War and a pandemic. Following a Centenary speech we raised our glasses and the toast was "Elsenham WI – the next 100 years."

Our book club, *Bookworms*, is back to meeting in its favourite haunt at The Cock in Henham. The books under discussion this month were 'Becoming' by Michelle Obama and 'Shuggie Bain' by Douglas Stuart. These very different books kept us talking throughout the whole meal – and that doesn't often happen! Our next book is 'Love after Love' by Ingrid Persaud. Our other subgroups will be starting up again soon – Cinema Club, Ladies Who Lunch, Dames Who Dine and regular trips to the theatre. A lot to look forward to.

Our next meeting is on Thursday 21 October and it is the long awaited return of Nicholas Henderson. This will be the fourth time Nicholas has visited us (both in person and virtually) and, "The Last Two Wives Of Henry VIII" will be his final talk in this series. He has a wonderful way of making history relevant to today and has been one of our most popular speakers over the past few years.

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. Visitors and new members are always welcome. Our contact details are at the back of the magazine.

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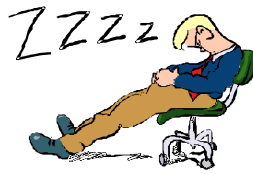


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## The Ice House

During my early teenage years, I was a friend of Alan Bennett. His father Arthur, was the caretaker of Elsenham Hall. He lived in a cottage that stood in the centre of the main courtyard, surrounded by a number of stables. We would explore Elsenham Hall estate. During one of these explorations, I was shown the inner catacombs of the Ice House.

One memorable day, having walked down the wide pathway between the Church and the estate we stood before its entrance. It is now bricked-up but with a still discernable opening. I was armed with a hand-torch, Alan had the Calcium Carbide light from his bike.

You descended using a rotting wooden ladder into what appeared to me to be a solid wall of black. You stood about twelve feet down on a brick floor. The walls rose above you and you could just make out shelves which were used to support Game and provisions to be kept chilled. It certainly was chilly down there. I was told that an underground stream beneath the floor kept everything cold. This stream was believed to be fed from Elsenham Lake. I was assured it was perfectly safe. The floor would not give way and plunge us into the depths below.

It was musty, dirty and not very nice. Occasionally something would scuttle in the darkness. It was a far cry from the opulence of the Elsenham Hall Ballroom. On another expedition I was granted a view of that. But that story is for another day.



After nearly 20 years at Elsenham Rainbows, Petrina Lees has stepped down as leader. Her helper Justine has also called time and we are very grateful to them both for all that they have done for the unit and Girlguiding over the years.

Many, many, happy young girls have enjoyed a variety of activities and would have learnt some valuable life skills to carry forward as they progressed in Guiding, so thank you ladies from us all.

Elsenham Rainbows will continue to run on a Tuesday evening and are looking for new leaders to take on the role, so if it's something you'd be happy to take on please get in touch at [elsenhamrainbows@outlook.com](mailto:elsenhamrainbows@outlook.com)



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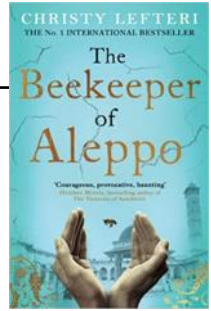
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# THE BEEKEEPER OF ALEPPO by Christine Lefteri

Reviewed by Marion Giles



*'In the midst of war, he found love. In the midst of darkness, he found courage. In the midst of tragedy, he found hope. What will you find from his story?'*

*Nuri is a beekeeper; his wife, Afra, an artist. They live a simple life, rich in family and friends, in the beautiful Syrian city of Aleppo - until the unthinkable happens. When all they care for is destroyed by war, they are forced to escape.*

*As Nuri and Afra travel through a broken world, they must confront not only the pain of their own unspeakable loss, but dangers that would overwhelm the bravest of souls. Above all - and perhaps this is the hardest thing they face - they must journey to find each other again.*

*Moving, powerful, compassionate and beautifully written, The Beekeeper of Aleppo is a testament to the triumph of the human spirit. Told with deceptive simplicity, it is the kind of book that reminds us of the power of storytelling... ' So says the blurb on the back of the book.*

- **A beautiful novel, intelligent, thoughtful; and relevant. I'm recommending this book to everyone I care about. So I'm recommending this book to you' Benjamin Zephaniah**

This was the choice of the book group this month. It was generally well-liked and enjoyed. Nuri and Afra do make it to England. That is not really a plot spoiler as the book weaves between the now and then. Parts of their story are very sad but this is not a sad read and we all became invested in Nuri and Afra. It is quite haunting and the situation is disturbing. This story should be a reminder to all to try to understand why refugees make the dreadful journey to Europe and to understand why they need to be supported.

The depictions of life in Aleppo, the importance of nature and family, particularly Nuri's cousin, Mustapha, come through with shining glorious technicolour clarity. This contrasts with the darkness of aspects of the journey itself and the grey uncertainty of whether they would be granted asylum.

There are many characters to meet along the way, inevitably some are not so nice. As it says above, Nuri and Afra need to find each other again, come to terms with their individual traumas and remember to love each other. This aspect is handled delicately and sensitively. The author is also very skilled at gently revealing who is the strongest and who needs help the most.

The story was born from the author's time working as a volunteer at a Unicef supported refugee centre in Athens and contains many true life events shared with her.

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# ELSENHAM TENNIS CLUB

By Petra Studholme ☎ 01279 814667



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## **Half-price Membership from 1 October to 31 March:**

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## **Club nights:**

Tuesday evenings are our club nights (ladies and men) so in particular our new members, please come and join in. If you need someone to introduce you and come with you to your first session, that's OK, we make sure you won't feel alone.

## **Cardio tennis session on Tuesdays at 6.30pm:**

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Tuesday evening– club night

Wednesday morning – ladies' morning

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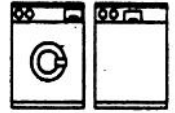
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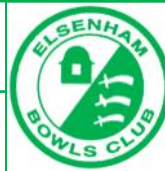
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# ELSENHAM BOWLS AND SOCIAL CLUB

By Sue Waite ✉ [suewaite2003@yahoo.co.uk](mailto:suewaite2003@yahoo.co.uk)



Elsenham Bowls' green has now been put to bed after a very successful season of bowling. The new season will begin next April. Bowls might be finished but the social side of the club continues – you may have already seen dates for our social events on Facebook but here they are again so you don't miss out:

**BINGO** – Saturday 9 and 23 October – doors open at 7.30pm, eyes down at 8pm. The bar is open and there is a raffle – bring your own nibbles.

**ELVIS** will be in the building Saturday 2 October – doors open at 7.30 pm. Tickets are £5 and are available behind the bar or from Trevor Hackett ☎ 07445 437437

**LEWIS** Simply Swing on Saturday 30 October from 7.30. Tickets are £10 and available from Elaine Bright via FB or ✉ [elsenhambowlsocial@outlook.com](mailto:elsenhambowlsocial@outlook.com). A light buffet will be served in the interval.

**ABBA Duo** – Saturday 11 December. Tickets are £10 and available from Elaine – a buffet will be served during the interval.

These events are for members but members can bring a guest or you can join on the night for £9. People asked for social events and we are providing them so please come and support us and make each evening a great big success.

Hopefully, see you at the club.

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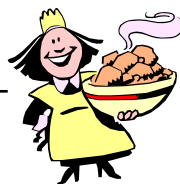
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# COOKERY CORNER

By Sue Johnson ☎ 812704



Time for cake and here is an easy traybake with a sweet cinnamon and pecan ripple plus a lovely crunchy nut topping.

## PECAN AND CINNAMON RIPPLE TRAYBAKE (cuts into 16)

### For the ripple:

- 4oz (100g) pecan nuts
- 1oz (25g) light muscovado sugar
- 1 heaped teaspoon ground cinnamon

### The cake:

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|---------------------------------------------------|----------------------------|
| 8oz (225g) soften butter, plus extra for greasing | 8oz (225g) caster sugar    |
| 4 large eggs                                      | 2 teaspoons baking powder  |
| 8oz (225g) self-raising flour                     | 1 teaspoon vanilla extract |

Grease and line with parchment a 12 x 9 inch (30 x 23cm) traybake tin. Heat the oven to 180°C/fan 160°C/gas 4.

Place 3oz (75g) pecan nuts in a food processor and whizz until finely ground. Mix in a bowl with the muscovado sugar and cinnamon. Set aside. Chop the remaining pecans by hand for the crunchy topping.

Put all the cake ingredients into a large bowl (or food processor) and beat until smooth. Spread just under half the batter over the base of the prepared tin. Spoon over about two-thirds of the pecan ripple mix in an even layer. Pour over the rest of the cake batter and then level the surface with a small palette knife. Drag the handle of a teaspoon in a swirly pattern through the layered batter. Sprinkle over the rest of the pecan ripple and top with the reserved chopped pecans.

Bake in the oven for 25-30 minutes or until risen, golden and just firm to the touch. Remove from the oven and cool in the tin for 5-10 minutes, then turn out on to a wire rack to cool down completely. Cut into squares to serve.

**CHEF'S RECOMMENDATION:** This cake freezes well, cut into squares and defrosted whenever a treat is required. You could try walnuts instead of pecans for the ripple.

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