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

October 2024 diary

Tues 1	Henham & District Garden Soc. Outing	
Tues 1 & 15	Elsenham Community Choir	Village Hall 7pm
Sat 5	Energy Saving Open Day	St Theresa's Hall, CM24 8LQ 11am to 4pm
Sat 5	Quiz	Bowls & Social Club 7.30pm
Mon 7	Parish Council Meeting	Memorial Hall 7.45pm
Tues 8 & 22	Life Drawing	Village Hall 7.30pm
Tues 8	Natter Night	Bowls & Social Club 7.30pm
Fri 11 & 25	Church Lunch Club	Memorial Hall 12.30pm
Sat 12 & 26	Bingo	Bowls & Social Club 7 for 7.30pm
Thurs 17	WI	Memorial Hall 7.45pm
Sat 26	Elsenham Farmers Market	Village Hall 12.30 - 2.30pm
Mon 28	Elsenham Eagles	The Crown 7.30pm



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Elsenham Village Regular Weekly Activities

Day	Time	Activity	Location
Monday	9.30-10.30am	Zumba	Memorial Hall
	10.30-11.30am	Health walk	Start at De Mandeville Green
	4-4.30pm	Rascals (3-4yrs)	Memorial Hall (term time)
	4.30-5.30pm	Rascals (5-7yrs)	Memorial Hall (term time)
	5.30-7pm	Rascals (8-12yrs)	Memorial Hall (term time)
	7-7.45pm	Pilates	Elsenham Village Hall
	7.30-8.30pm	Shape to the beat	Memorial Hall (not 1st Monday)
Tuesday	9.30-10.15am	Touchpoint Food Share	Bowls & Social Club
	9.30-11.30am	Village Café Coffee	Memorial Hall
	4.45-5.45pm	Rainbows	Memorial Hall (term-time)
	4.45-5.45pm	Beavers	Ugley Village Hall (term-time)
	6-7.15pm	Cubs (Wolf Pack)	Ugley Village Hall (term-time)
	6-7.30pm	Brownies	Memorial Hall (term-time)
	7.30-10.30pm	Tennis Club night	Tennis Courts
	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
	7-9pm	Scouts	Ugley Village Hall (term-time)
	7.30pm	Aerobics	Elsenham Village Hall
Thursday	6-7.15pm	Cubs (Bear Pack)	Ugley Village Hall (term-time)
	6.45-7.45pm	Jump Fit	Elsenham Village Hall
Friday	10-11am	Little Fishes	Memorial Hall (term-time)
	12.30-4.30pm	Coffee Bar at the park	Playing Field Car Park
Saturday	8.15am-1pm	Tarte au Citroen	Playing Field
	9-11am	Dance Scene	Memorial Hall
	9am-12pm	Youth boys & girls football	Playing Field
	8.45-9.30am	Little Kickers Mighty	Village Hall (term time)
	9.35-10.20am	Little Kickers Junior	Village Hall (term time)

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THE NEWS REPORT

From The Editors



As usual, Elsenham News brings you all you need to know about local events - and there really is something for everyone.

All this is made possible by the support of our local trades people who advertise with us and help keep this publication going. So, if you have a need for a particular service, then please look no further than here inside Elsenham News.

For the first time in a long while we have a letter to the editor (pg 47). If there is a topic dear to your heart and you want to express your opinion then just send your letter to us at [✉ elsenhamnews@hotmail.co.uk](mailto:elsenhamnews@hotmail.co.uk).

As well as your letters, we would welcome any regular piece you may want to contribute. It could be you're a member of a new organisation or club, whatever it is we would like to hear from you. Regular articles on local activities are what our readers like most.

Please make sure to read the contacts information on the inside back cover for the contact details of all associated village groups if you need more information or want to get involved.

Last, but not least, make sure you read our Parish Council report and Development Developments to keep abreast of all that will have a direct effect on your life here in Elsenham.

The editorial team wish you all the best for the month ahead.

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ELSENHAM PARISH COUNCIL

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



Over a year ago, a lorry mounted the pavement in Station Road and hit the streetlight outside the doctor's surgery; the lorry never stopped. The parish council paid UK Power Network to connect the electricity. UK Power Network now want to charge Elsenham Parish Council an extra £1,500 to carry out the work, the reason they give is the work will have to be carried out on a Sunday because of the parked cars near the surgery. UK Power Network could easily make an application to Essex Highways for a permit for a parking restriction on this section of Station Road, but for some reason are reluctant to do this. Cllr. Burlton had made six phone calls, to UK Power Network, but so far, his endeavours have not been successful. The quotation was based on Google Maps, rather than visiting the site, and therefore there was no awareness of the parking issue. It is accepted that the Parish Council has been treated badly. There is a commitment to try and get the work done, and it is accepted that, if managed properly, it will not be necessary for it to be done on a Sunday. The streetlight needs to be working before the dark nights set in.

The Finance Committee recommend that all councillors and the Clerk to have a .gov.uk email address. These emails are reserved specifically for local councils' business and operate to higher standards of security. A grant of £100 is available to assist in the changeover, with the promise of practical operational support.

Elsenham Parish Council regularly receive requests for donations to charities. Many, if not all, are very worthy causes. With limited funds, it is important that the Parish Council supports charities which offer help to residents. If anyone has suggestions of charities, they would like to be considered please contact the Parish Clerk ✉ louise.epc@gmail.com

The Parish Council have engaged a solicitor, who specialises in planning matters, to give advice on Uttlesford District Council's refusal to pass onto the Parish Council interest accruing from S106 contributions for the financing of the new Community Centre. This is a considerable amount of money, although the exact amount is unknown as Uttlesford District Council say they do not know the total.

The Parish Council is to send a letter to the Surgery, stating that there are concerns in the local community as to the time taken for prescriptions to become available, it is now five days. The Parish Council would like to know the explanation, whether the deterioration is temporary, and, if so, when will an improved service be restored.

Information is available on Uttlesford District Council's website regarding a scheme to help those who are struggling with Council Tax.

The next Parish Council meeting is on Monday October 7, starting at 7.45pm in the Memorial Hall.

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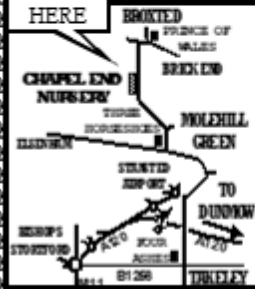
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DEVELOPMENT DEVELOPMENTS

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



Uttlesford District Council has extended the deadline for responses to the 'Regulation 19' Local Plan consultation to 14 October. As mentioned here last month, an unexpected proposal is included for 110 new homes adjacent to the 200 already approved to the east of Elsenham Station. It is the only proposal in the entire district for an increase over the 'Regulation 18' proposals - elsewhere, in Newport, Thaxted, Takeley and Great Dunmow, the allocations have been reduced. If you want to object to this dubious procedure, then the Regulation 19 consultation on UDC's website, Chapter 7, Core Policies 16 and 17, is the place to do it.

In June 2023 an outline application for 50 new homes to the south of Bedwell Road was allowed by the Planning Inspectorate ('PINS'), following refusal in July 2022 by Uttlesford District Council's Planning Committee. The applicants have decided to apply direct to PINS for detailed approval under the S62A procedure. The Planning Committee now has the status of consultees rather than decision takers, and the members were if anything even more uncomplimentary concerning the application this time than they were previously. The inescapable noise from the M11 is the main issue, and councillors were scathing regarding the proposed solution in the form of three-storey blocks of 'affordable' flats lining the site on that side. One member succinctly commented, 'If you can't afford one of our houses, you can go in that block, and make it more pleasant for those who can buy'.

To the north of Bedwell Road, further uncomplimentary remarks have been made regarding the application by Gladman for 240 homes between the motorway and the railway. This application also proposes three storeys towards the motorway, this time in the form of a line of houses. Uttlesford's Urban Design Officer comments:

The houses forming this barrier will be close together and three storeys high, which will create a long, monotonous and unbroken building line – necessary for acoustic reasons, but potentially not creating a beautiful and attractive place to live.

The applicants' reply to this is that there would be all sorts of measures to alleviate the monotony: landscaping, tree planting, grass verges, block paving, different coloured brickwork, gables, dormers and so on. In short, the whole long line would offer a variety of visual delights such that otherwise unendurable motorway noise would be no more intrusive than the merest whisper in the trees.

Back in February 2023, an application for a 'Wellness Hub' was approved on the Stansted side of the motorway. Nothing was done and the wellness of the residents of Elsenham and Stansted remained in much doubt. Then in October 2023, a porch was added to the front, making for a single point of access rather than three. An application has now been made for dormer windows, with no explanation as to why they are needed, prompting suspicion that it's part of a programme whereby a three-unit facility is transformed by degrees into a two-storey house. The phrase 'development by stealth' seems appropriate.



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By Mike Rea, Secretary ☎ 813634 ✉ evhs12@hotmail.co.uk
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You may remember that we recently found evidence that Elsenham did indeed have its own windmill thought to be situated off the Stansted Road on what was once Old Mill Farm. Since then we have located the mill on the 1777 Chapman & Andre map of Essex, and as surmised, it was found by the Stansted Road. We were told more information was available in Volume 4 of “Essex Windmills and Millwrights” by Ken Farries, a treatise that lists every mill in Essex. We tracked down a copy at the Essex Records Office and Dave Verlander spent several hours going through it but to no avail, he could find no mention of a mill in Elsenham within its pages. We will be investigating this conundrum further, watch this space.



The illustration at left is of Ockendon Mill and dates from around 1900.

Ockenden was a smock mill similar in construction to the mill that stood in Elsenham having six or eight weather boarded sides and topped with a thatched or sometimes tiled roof or cap that rotated to bring the sails into the wind.

Ten years ago come November we published a book entitled ‘For the Duration – Elsenham at War’. Containing the fruits of several years’ research by a dedicated team, it tells the story of all those from the village who lost their lives in service to their country and are commemorated on our war memorial. Copies of the book are still available at just £5 and may be ordered through our website www.elsenhams-history.co.uk, just click on the publications tab on the left hand side. There may well be other books that interest you there too so do take a look.

All that makes for a rather protracted introduction to our November meeting when Alan Taylor, from the team that produced For The Duration, will be coming along to talk about the aftermath of World War One and maybe an update on For the Duration. The meeting will be on Wednesday 13th November at 8pm in the Memorial Hall. Please come along for an interesting evening, you will be very welcome. Visitors are always welcome at our meetings for a very modest two pounds but even better, membership costs just five pounds for a full year’s meetings. Bargain!

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By Moyra Jackson ☎ 647351



We are currently in the middle of that strange mix of weather we get as the seasons change from summer to autumn. There was tremendous thunder and lightning earlier today with torrential rain – and now glorious sunshine. Maybe it's because I come from the North and much as I enjoy basking on the sun, I really do love the colder days and all the different weather that brings.

Our Summer Party was a really enjoyable night. We wanted it to have a 40s theme, in keeping with the D-Day 80 Years On from earlier this summer. The Hall looked marvellous with Union Jack Bunting and the wonderful Lorraine Cater came along and sang some fabulous songs from that era. Lorraine had us all singing along to popular wartime songs that left many of us wondering how we knew every word! We enjoyed a delicious buffet and were joined by members from Great & Little Samford and Stansted WIs.

Our Bookworms group is still going strong, meeting regularly for a meal usually in The Cock in Henham. Sometimes we even get round to discussing the books we read! Last month's was 'Remarkably Bright Creatures' by Shelby Van Pelt – a thoroughly enjoyable read and not at all what we were all expecting. The next one is 'The Housemaid' by Frieda McFadden.



Our meeting this month is a Dabble Night where we will enjoy trying out a number of crafts. The competition is something beginning with 'D'.

Coming along to Elsenham WI is a really good way to meet friends especially if you are new to Elsenham. We have a very proud history based in 'Jam and Jerusalem' traditions from our formation in 1921 and are delighted to have continued to grow over the last few years. We are always happy to dispel any of the stereotypes associated with the WI. Why not come along (or come back) – visitors and new members are always welcome and you can join at anytime throughout the year.

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

Elsenham WI – There's a lot going on!



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As you receive this newsletter, autumn will be here and soon the heating will need to go on. It looks likely that the energy price cap will rise in October. So this is a good time to share some ideas from the Energy Saving Trust, which could potentially save you money and help to save the planet.

Quick fixes to potentially save up to £300 per year on gas and electricity bills

Here is what the Energy Saving Trust calculates that you could save per year:

- Switch off standby: save up to £40

Almost all electrical appliances can be turned off at the plug without upsetting their programming. Check the instructions for any appliances you aren't sure about.

- Draught-proof windows, floors and/or doors: save up to £70

- Turn off lights when you're not using them: save up to £7

Replacing halogen light bulbs with LED bulbs could save even more

- Wash at 30 degrees (or less): save up to £22

- Avoid using the tumble dryer: save up to £45

Dry clothes on racks inside where possible or outside when the weather is suitable.

- Take 4-minute showers: save up to £50

- Swap one bath a week for a shower: save £8

- Don't overfill the kettle and fit an aerator on the tap: save up to £26

- Avoid overfilling the kettle and you can save yourself £9.

- An aerator is cheap and easy to install on the tap and could save you £17.

Reduce dishwasher use: save up to £11. This is what can be saved by reducing dishwasher use by one wash per week by only running the dishwasher when it's full.

Top up your hot water insulation: save up to £35. If you have thin spray foam or a loose 25mm jacket, you can benefit from increasing the insulation to a British Standard Jacket (80mm thick).

Source: <https://energysavingtrust.org.uk/hub/quick-tips-to-save-energy>

There are more ideas for saving energy than there is space for here. Please send your own energy-saving tips to our email address (above) and we will publish them here.

Our next meeting will be on Monday 28 October, 7.30 pm at The Crown, Elsenham. If you would like to see what we do, without any expectation of commitment, we would be delighted to meet you.

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By Bob Burlton

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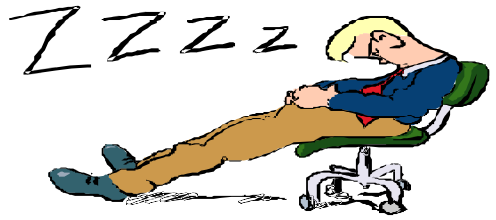
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The "Salet", Rose

The late Sir Walter Gilbey resided for many years in Elsenham Hall. He was extremely keen on horticulture and the maintenance of the Hall gardens. He grew a most distinctive Rose and a little prior to the current Millenium with considerable help from the Amateur Rose Breeders Society I was able to track down the bloom. I was lucky at that time, my cousin's husband was the then President, his name was Colin Horner. Sadly, Colin is no longer with us. It was Colin who found the evidence of the importation of the rose. I was to eventually, following a trip to Norfolk, able to purchase a number of rose-bushes from, Peter Beales Nurseries.

I tell you all this because a local lady was moving her "Salet" rose bush recently. She, like me, wondered just how many of these roses had survived in other people's gardens. I can remember returning from the rose nursery with a car full rose bushes. So back then there was a large number of people who cultivated that rose.

As an aside I would like to mention that sadly the Association is being wound-up. Colin was a founder member. But on a much brighter note, Heather Horner and her two children, Ysanne and Calvin, continue with the work first started by Colin. They continue to grow literally thousands of cuttings on their allotment and their garden in Stansted.

Let me know if you still have that rose, I have.

Ray
Franklin

Your bus service – use it or lose it! *By Bus Co-ordinator Ray Franklin*

I have been in contact with our new residents and assisted them with bus times. For what, I think, is the easiest timetable to navigate and print out on one single side of A4, go to the Elsenham Community Association website. Go to "Links to Village & other organisations". Scroll down to find "Bus timetable 7/7A". This is useful for local journeys.

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So the sun did come out for our Annual Flower Show in August and so did the people of Elsenham, we had a lovely day and everyone had a good time. The EFSS committee would like to thank everyone that helped us leading up to the day and on the day, you all did a great job. Special thanks go to our sponsors, Langthorn Plantary, Perry's and Scotsdales who kindly gave us vouchers for some of our winning exhibits. This, our first year, is over and we the committee are already putting ideas together for next year.

Again a big Thank You to Elsenham village for supporting us and we look forward to seeing you all again next year.

Listed below are all the winners for the EFSS 2024 Annual Flower Show

FLOWERS

Boughton Trophy

(A vase of roses no more than 5 stems)

Sue Coleman

Johnson Cup

(3 Cactus, Ball or Pompom

Dahlia blooms)

Thuy Nottage

John Claydon Memorial Cup

(5 different Stems)

Sue Johnson

Claydon Bowl

(My best Bloom)

Sue Johnson

St Mary's Church Shield

(Flowering Pot Plant)

Jean Woollvin

Elsenham Old Folks Club Rose Bowl

(Foliage Pot Plant)

Brian Roydon Hall

Newland Salver

(Fuchsias 6 Flower heads)

Barbara Pether

Most points gained in Flower Classes

Gloria Eatson & Sue Johnson

Best exhibit in Flower classes

Sue Johnson

Top Vase winner

Jean Woollvin

FRUIT & VEGETABLES

EFSS Heaviest marrow

Jack Tickner

EFSS Heaviest Onion

Jack Tickner

Moat Farm Perpetual Cup

(Most points gained in class)

Jack Tickner

George Powell Trophy

(Best Exhibit in Class)

Jean Woollvin

Top Tray Winner

Jack Tickner

PRODUCE

George Sandford Cup

(Bottle of homemade liqueur)

Joanne Lushey

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(Most points gained in class)

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(Best exhibit in class)

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FLOWER ARRANGING

Budden Trophy

(Miniature arrangement)

Lynda Jolly

Hackett Shield

(A dinner table arrangement with a Candle)

Lynda Jolly

Jubilee Cup

(Most points gained in class)

Gloria Eatson

HANDICRAFT CLASSES

Gladys Hudson Memorial Cup

(An article of Crochet)

Zoe O'Connor

Shirley Scutt Shield

(A hand knitted article)

Anne Player & Penny Lee

Hilda Collet Memorial Cup

(A handwritten Limerick)

Sue Waite

Woolvin Cup

(Most points gained in class)

Gill Hathaway

PHOTOGRAPHY

EFSS Photography Cup

(Most points gained in class)

Prof' A. White

Options Trophy

(Best exhibit in class)

Prof' A. White



CHILDREN'S CLASSES

BAKING

Segar Medallion 1st place

(3 Chocolate Cornflake cakes)

Emily Jacobs

PHOTOGRAPHY

Segar Medallion 1st Place

(My Pet)

Emily Jacobs

Margaret Hockley Memorial Cup

(Overall winner Children's sections)

Emily Jacobs

Richards Salver

(Exhibitor never won a trophy before)

Jack Tickner

Elsenham Parish Council Shield

(most points gained in Show)

Jack Tickner

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Thought For The Month by *Louis Wilson*

Have you noticed how much of life is about qualifications? They have become a modern obsession. In a dog eat dog world, it seems that the main way to get ahead is to accumulate letters after your name. I recently read this advert for the Master of Business Administration degree:

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That's the way the world works but in chapter 1 of his letter to the Colossians, the apostle Paul says that is most certainly not how the Gospel works.

When he uses the word Gospel, he's talking about God's eternal plan by which human beings can have their sins forgiven and be reconciled to the God who made them - a plan that concerns his Son Jesus Christ.

Qualifications are certainly required. But the miraculous truth of the Christian Gospel is that these can never be earned or bought. Qualification can only be given (and received) as a gift. It is God the Father who does the qualifying, not us.

Furthermore, Paul says the way to understand the Gospel is to think of a transfer: a transfer from one team lost in darkness, to a team that is full of light and life - where Jesus is the Captain.

Just over a year ago, Chelsea FC signed the Ecuador midfielder Moises Caicedo from Brighton for a British-record transfer fee of £115 million (it turned out to be very shrewd business on Brighton's part!). But it illustrates the point. Usually, when someone transfers from one team to another, there's a sizeable fee to be paid.

And Paul will confirm that the transfer of the Gospel also involves a fee, but a fee paid in full by Jesus, the eternal Son of God, with his blood shed for us on the cross.

Be absolutely clear, however, this is God the Father's doing. It is he who makes the impossible, possible. It is he who arranges the transfer fee. Qualification is needed, but it is God who does the qualifying.

This undeserved generosity is something the Bible calls grace: God's Riches At Christ's Expense. Anything else is not the Christian Gospel, but something which, however well intentioned, we've made up.

CHURCH EVENTS IN OUR VILLAGES OCTOBER 2024

Church Services

Sunday 6th October

- 10:15 All Together All Age Service,
Elsenham Village Hall
18:00 Sunday@6, HUSCH*, Henham

Sunday 13th October

- 08:45 Prayer Book Holy Communion,
Elsenham Church
10:00 Harvest Service, Ugley Church
10:15 Morning Service,
Elsenham Village Hall
18:00 Sunday@6 Communion Service
HUSCH*, Henham

Sunday 20th October

- 08:45 Prayer Book Morning Prayer,
Elsenham Church
10:00 Prayer Book Holy Communion,
Ugley Church
10:15 Morning Service,
Elsenham Village Hall
18:00 Sunday@6, HUSCH*, Henham

Sunday 27th October

- 08:45 Prayer Book Morning Prayer,
Elsenham Church
10:00 Morning Service, Ugley Church
10:15 Morning Service,
Elsenham Village Hall
18:00 Sunday@6 Communion,
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For information on all these events,
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Other Regular Events

SUNDAYS:

Elsenham & Henham Sunday Club/
Explorers (Reception-Y5)

Starts at EVH then onto
Old Frank's, Elsenham, 10.15am
Sundays: 13th & 20th

Pathfinders (Y6-Y9)

HUSCH*, Henham 6.00pm - leave
from service to meet in the Church
Hall, Henham. Sundays: 6th, 13th & 20th

Crammin' (Y10-Y13)

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MID-WEEK AND SATURDAY:

Start the Week with Prayer
Church Hall, Henham 9.30am
Mondays: 7th, 14th, 21st & 28th

Seekers After School Bible Club
(Y3-Y4) Old Frank's 3.20pm
Mondays: 7th, 14th & 21st

Christian Play (Y1-Y2)

Rowan House, Elsenham 3.15pm
Tuesdays: 1st, 8th, 15th & 22nd

Little Fishes Pre-School Group
Church Hall, Henham 10.30am
Thursday: 3rd, 10th, 17th & 24th

Little Fishes Pre-School Group
Elsenham Memorial Hall 10.00am
Fridays: 4th, 11th, 18th & 25th

Church Lunch Club

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NATURAL OUTLOOK

By Heather Salvidge 📞 814153



The weather during the last twelve months has been 'different'; we have had a lot of very wet weather, a number of named storms, gales, February Fillydye, few frosts, little snow, and no real improvement till later in the summer when we got some very warm, well 'hot actually' days towards the end of July and in August. I can't predict I'm afraid, what the next twelve months have got in store! Some things have been early e.g. starlings breeding three weeks early and our main cotoneaster has not only had its berries red for the last five or six weeks but its small leaves have turned yellow at the same time.

The leaf colours at this time of autumn can be delightful to look at – some three weeks ago some limes were going yellow and other plants e.g. virginia creeper were getting red rims on their dark green leaves. By now the trees and shrubs on a large stretch of the Bishop's Stortford by-pass can usually make a splendid display with the colours varying from greens to red; pink, gold, butter yellow, yellow, lime, purple and deep red, set off by evergreens. Going into Newport there are multi-coloured hedges – so long as not all the berries have been eaten. A good time for a wander in Alsa Wood and the Aubrey Buxton reserve.

Honey fungus is a destructive scavenger, lacking chlorophyll that moves along underground by having a web of parasitic threads killing off the roots of trees. Among the species it kills it has affected several of the well-established oaks in the village including the main oak at the front of DeMandeville Green. Last year its fruiting bodies, its fungus the flat-headed dark brown ones, were late, not appearing till November when usually they and others that I know of fruit in October. I report it annually to the UDC. Here in our 'orchard' it has already killed a mature crab apple tree and by now affected other apple trees and the large mulberry which has been seen to have it for about four years, It also affects part of a row of whitebeams in Station Road, these I have to report to the Essex County Council. I think the fungus will have originated from parts of Alsa Wood where it could still affect some trees.

Some other autumnal signs are sightings of flocks of goldfinches, called charms. I have had charms of 12 or 14 working their way through the garden on the feeders and other things such as delicately picking out the seeds from ripe teasels. The largest charm was one of about forty or more flying across DeMandeville Green and across Station Road to land in the tall, mature silver birch in the garden of Alcuin to feed on its plentiful seeds. Two or three robins developing regular perches and singing in or around trees or hedges in Station Road or New Road and, I guess some other special places,

It's rut time for some deer and Hatfield Forest is often a good place to observe the fallow deer and their goings on. The bucks recognise other bucks that are about the same size as they are and they clash antlers to see which will win the prize of a small herd of does to keep them together to mate with them. The bucks announce their presence with their 'roar' which can be heard a long way off and when satisfied, he'll spend all his time keeping his herd for himself. Outside the mating season the bucks move around in their own herd and the does and their fawns, in theirs.

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Stansted u3a extends heartfelt thanks to St Theresa's Church community for allowing us to use their beautiful hall at very short notice for our monthly meeting in August. St John's, our usual venue, were given only a few days' notice from their contractors that the church hall would be rendered unavailable on that day as they proposed carrying out remedial work.

With a speaker booked to discuss "...and Over Here": a history of USA wartime aviation in East Anglia, and notices already sent out, we faced a dilemma. Fortunately, thanks to the swift actions of John O'Brien and Father Clement, who expedited the process in just 24 hours, we secured St Theresa's Hall in time to inform our members of the venue change. The event was a success, with the hall providing a perfect setting and the speaker delivering a brilliant presentation.

Garden Group members were treated to a delightful day at Michelle and David Thomas' garden in Chrishall. On a scorching summer day, we were welcomed with ice-cold drinks and the opportunity to explore this serene garden. Created over 30 years, the garden has been a therapeutic journey for Michelle, who, despite having no gardening experience, found solace and healing through its creation. The garden features island borders filled with roses, meandering lawns and a wisteria walkway leading to a shepherd's hut and an enclosure for three miniature Shetland ponies.

Our Poetry Group will explore a diverse programme over the next year, featuring poets like John Clare and Seamus Heaney and themes ranging from women's rights to technology.

In August, Drs. Arun and Rita Aggarwal led the Saturday seminar on Climate Change. The next seminar, "AI – Friend or Foe", is scheduled for Saturday, October 12.

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In September we cut the meadow areas, removing the vegetation so that the soil does not benefit from the nutrients that this would provide as it decomposes. In this way the soil has reduced nutrient levels, and this favours the wildflowers over the grasses, nettles and other plants that prefer nutrient-rich soils.

It is tricky to get the timing of the cut just right, as some important nectar producing flowers may still be present. With the warmer climate, insect life is also more abundant later in the year.

It is incredible how certain plants have evolved to favour certain species of insect. For instance, the black knapweed produces nectar that is only accessible to long-tongued insects such as butterflies, moths and some bees, whereas the water mint has flowers adapted for short-tongued insects like flies.

Also, bird's foot trefoil, which is an important food plant for our common blue butterfly. Just two minutes watching this patch of flowers in early September revealed three species of butterfly, multiple hover flies, several bee species and a hornet.

One evening in early September we carried out a survey to ascertain what bats we had in the reserve. Using a bat detector at dusk we were able to find good numbers of both common pipistrelle and soprano pipistrelle bats. They were particularly flying over the top pond, which is the pond that clearly supports the greatest number of insects.

NEWPORT & DISTRICT FLOWER CLUB

Our club meeting for October 16 is Ann Bell – mechanics for a hand-tied workshop. Ann Bell has been associated with our club for a long time. You will be assured of a fun evening and will go away having learned a new skill. Please contact us if you wish to come along.

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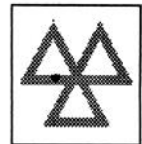
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Many of the walks on our website provide opportunities to pause and enjoy a panoramic view from a vantage point. The layout of roads, settlements, woods and fields is a visual record of many centuries of human activity.

Checking with an Ordnance Survey map, it is possible to pinpoint significant landmarks and features such as hedged field boundaries. From the 16th century, assorted records of land ownership have survived, but the most complete set of records was gathered by surveyors for the mid-19th century Tithe Awards, a forerunner of today's rating assessments for council tax and business rates.



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Prepared between 1837 and the 1850s, these documents were the result of painstaking work by surveyors whose task was to map and list the details of land ownership, occupiers, size of plot and land use. Buildings, gardens and names of fields were recorded. Subsequent research by local historians has revealed that some field names can be traced back centuries, an indication of the close association of communities with the land that provided their food and opportunities for employment.

Field names are varied, some give just the size in acres while others mention specific persons such as Old Harry's Field. Some are more descriptive such as Hop Ground, Twelve Acre Pasture, Thistley Field, The Rookery, Mill Hill Field, Further Pasture, Ozier Ground and Crab Tree Field.

Comparing these old parish maps with recent maps highlights the significant loss of hedgerows with the creation of much larger fields to allow agricultural machines to work the land.



Strethall



Saffron Walden

For anyone interested in local history, the details within these tithe awards may be a useful resource – they are held by the Public Record Office for 80% of the Hundred Parishes' parishes. For further information please see <https://www.nationalarchives.gov.uk/help-with-your-research/research-guides/tithes/>

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All of this, of course, comes at a price. Whereas the building fund has some £170,00 that will leave us with a shortfall of around £40,000. We have made some applications for a grant towards this shortfall, but in the meantime we have arranged a loan so that work can commence.

If you feel that you are able to make a contribution towards the completion of the building we would be most grateful. Please contact one of the Churchwardens, Roger Clark or Charles Willbe, if you would like to assist.

From The Parish Registers

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ELSENHAM BOWLS AND SOCIAL CLUB

By Trevor Hackett



Our latest live music event artist was Dean Ferris who, on 28 September, entertained us with “The Tracks of Our Years”, covering music from the 60s to the current day. Sadly, Steve Brown, our artist booked for November, has had to cancel owing to his band being given more concerts to perform. He has rebooked for November 2025.

This means that our next music night will now be at our Dinner and Dance on 19 October. We currently have 32 members who have confirmed their attendance and paid their deposits. We have a limit of 50 people, so there is still time to reserve your place. Music will be by Paul Sharp, who will be playing music from the 60s onwards. He was excellent when he entertained us earlier this year.

The Bingo nights will now take place on two Saturdays a month until next April. Eyes down at 7.30 pm. Bingo nights will be on 12 and 26 October.

The Crib league has restarted for the winter and will continue every week until next spring.

The Darts Super League team played their first match at home on Monday 2 September against Rye Park winning 5 games to 3. They also held a charity day on 7 September and raised over £340 for the Essex & Herts Air Ambulance.

Our next quiz night will be on 5 October. Tables of 8 at just £6 per person / brain. A light supper is included. To book your table call Trevor on 07445 437437. You may still have time to book a table.

The Bowls season ended on 22 September with an internal fixture. Turfcare will be undertaking the autumn renovation work on the green on 1 October, weather permitting. However, work on the green continues throughout the winter months.

If you wish to join as a social or bowling member, then either call in at the bar from 7 pm on weekdays or contact the secretary, Therese Clear, on 07759 158859.

I hope to see you in the club house.



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By Petra Studholme 📞 814667



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Weekly schedule (some open to non-members)

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Tuesday evening – 7.30pm club night

Wednesday morning – 10am causal play

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COOKERY CORNER

By Sue Johnson ☎ 812704



This cake is so easy to make. Cut into thin slices, this is delicious just buttered. Thicker slices can be toasted, served with butter and maple syrup.

BANANA, MAPLE AND DATE LOAF (8-12 slices)

9oz (250g) overripe bananas (3-4), mashed
8oz (225g) light muscovado sugar
1 teaspoon vanilla extract
2 large eggs
2fl oz (60ml) maple syrup
½ teaspoon baking powder
1 teaspoon bicarbonate of soda
1 teaspoon ground cinnamon
9oz (250g) self-raising flour
2oz (50g) dates, pitted and finely chopped

Preheat the oven to 180°C/fan 160°C/gas 4. Grease and line a 2lb (900g) loaf tin.

Put all the ingredients into a bowl. Whisk until light and fluffy with an electric whisk or using a free-standing mixer.

Spoon into the loaf tin and level the surface. Bake in the oven for about 1 hour or until well risen and lightly golden.

Leave the cake to cool in the tin for about 15 minutes, then transfer to a cooling rack to cool completely.

CHEF'S RECOMMENDATIONS:

Always use well ripened bananas for this recipe. The cake can be frozen whole or cut into slices. Keeps well in an airtight tin for several days.

GARDEN HINT *By Sue Johnson*

WILDLIFE HIBERNATING PLACES

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Village Greens and Hedges

I would like to comment on the parlous state of the village greens and hedges and hope you will pass my comments on.

I understand that it is the intention of the Council or sub-committees to leave the grass in several areas of the village uncut to 'increase natural habitat and biodiversity'. I'm not sure whose advice has been taken on this but just not cutting the greens will not produce a varied or natural habitat for anyone except the irresponsible dog walkers who do not clear up after their dogs who have used this area as a toilet.

To create a wild area requires the grass to be cut, the ground cleared of grass and then tilled to a fine tilth where seeds can be scattered and grow. This is a labour intensive and expensive option to take and the areas that it happens to need to be carefully selected. If you just want a weedy grass area then look no further than the trim trail for what the village greens will look like in a year or so. It is fine on the trim trail and I have no objection to this being left to grow wild as long as the edges along the pathways are cut.

However the area enclosed by De Mandeville and Oziers, at the junction of Alsa Gardens/New Road and definitely the enclosed area opposite the playground on Isabel Drive, are not the right place. If any of the team have visited these areas recently they will see what scruffy and unkempt places these have become.

We live in a village and even taking into account the substantial increase in our housing and population, we have vast tracts of countryside around us full of natural habitat and biodiversity. I have lived here for 46 years and have never seen our village looking in such poor condition. Please don't make this village look an unkempt place where people don't care what their surroundings look like because, if you listen to the villagers, they actually do. Please spend the money that you collect from us in Council Tax to do the job we pay for - cutting the common grass areas.

Yours faithfully and in the hope of some common sense,

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Our stall holders can vary from month to month and our cheese seller and game meat seller are now back with us. Their products can be seasonal, but the quality is always tip top and there is something for everyone; so, if you haven't been for a while, do pop by.

Not sure what you want? Why not come for fresh barista coffee and cake, and have a browse at the produce whilst enjoying your drink? Most of the produce is homemade, so not only do you get to treat yourself to these fantastic goodies once a month, you are also supporting local businesses and coming together with our fabulous community.

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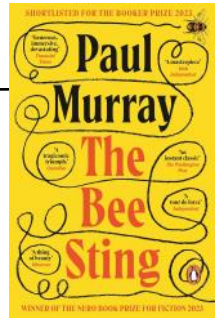
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THE BEE STING by Paul Murray
Reviewed by Marion Giles for Elsenham Book Group



'The Barnes family are in trouble. Until recently they ran the biggest business in town, now they're teetering on the brink of bankruptcy – and that's just the start of their problems. Dickie and Imelda's marriage is hanging by a thread; straight-A student Cass is careening off the rails; PJ is hopelessly in debt to the school bully. Meanwhile the ghosts of old mistakes are rising out of the past to meet them, but everyone's too wrapped up in the present to see the danger looming ...' So says the blurb on the back of the book.

- **“Paul Murray [is] the undisputed reigning champion of epic Irish tragicomedy”** *The Spectator*

This was the choice of the book group last month. One person really liked it, some found it ok, some found it hard-going and some positively disliked it.

The story is set in a small town in Ireland, about two hours' drive from Dublin. Imelda was originally engaged to Frank, Dickie's brother, but he died. Through their grief they sought comfort from each other resulting in Imelda's pregnancy. They go ahead with the marriage, but it is not really what they wanted for themselves. Dickie inherits his father's business but it doesn't run smoothly. Frank was a troubled soul, Imelda's family are thugs and there is jealousy from other business owners. Cass's friend is unpleasant and Cass's obsession with her is a bit sad. PJ is left to himself to play video games and be unwittingly groomed on the internet. No-one is happy at any point in the story and when you add in the blackmail, domestic violence, drugs, alcohol abuse, infidelity, lies, issues of class and prejudice and at least two major characters struggling with their sexuality—it is not a feel-good read and at 656 pages it's a lot of misery.

I looked at an AI generated summary of reviews by purchasers on Amazon. This is the AI summary:

‘Customers find the book very readable and brilliantly told. However, some find the punctuation odd and off-putting. Opinions are mixed on the story quality, character development and emotional content. Some find the story engaging and fantastic, while others say it's frustrating and unbelievable.’

Apart from the first sentence, that was our conclusion. We couldn't find empathy with any of the characters, apart from PJ. The chapters alternate between characters and punctuation decisions are intended to reflect their characters—however, there are no speech marks throughout, meaning we have to distinguish between thought and dialogue; some chapters have no punctuation at all and the chapters veer between the second and third person. The story drags in the middle but picks up at the end towards a fantastic conclusion—sadly, we don't know what it is as the book just finishes. Emperor's new clothes, maybe?

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