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Elsenham Village Regular Monthly or Quarterly Activities

Parish Council 1st **Monday** of month 7.45pm (excl. Bank Holidays) Memorial Hall
 Elsenham EAGLES 4th **Monday** of month 7.30-9pm Bowls and Social Club
 Henham & District Garden Soc. 1st **Tuesday** of month 2 for 2.30pm Memorial Hall
 Community Choir 1st & 3rd **Tuesday** of month 7-8.30pm Village Hall
 Natter Night 2nd **Tuesday** of month 7.30pm The Crown
 Life Drawing 2nd and 4th **Tuesday** of month 7.30-9.30pm Village Hall
 Village History Society 2nd **Wednesday** of month quarterly 7.45pm Memorial Hall
 Dementia Friendly Afternoon 4th **Wednesday** of month 2-3.30pm The Crown
 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

September 2026 diary

Tues 1 & 15	Elsenham Community Choir	Village Hall 7pm
Mon 7	Parish Council Meeting	Memorial Hall 7.45pm
Tues 8 & 22	Life Drawing	Village Hall 7.30pm
Tues 8	Natter Night	The Crown 7.30pm
Wed 9	History Society Meeting	Memorial Hall 7.45 for 8pm
Fri 11	Women's Wellness Breakfast Club	9.20am Bowls & Social
Fri 11 & 25	Church Lunch Club	Memorial Hall 12.30pm
Sat 12	Music Night	Bowls & Social Club 7.30pm
Thurs 17	District Councillors' Surgery	Orwell House, Station Road Elsenham 6pm
Thurs 17	Elsenham WI	Memorial Hall 7.45pm
Fri 18	ECA General Meeting	Memorial Hall 7.30pm#
Sat 19	Bingo	Bowls & Social Club 7.30 for 8pm
Sun 20	Tennis Club 50 Years	Tennis Court 2-5pm
Wed 23	Dementia Friendly afternoon	The Crown 2.-3.30pm
Thurs 24	Flower Seed Collective	Memorial Hall 7-8pm
Fri 25	MacMillan Coffee Morning	Bowls & Social Club 9.30- 11.30am
Sat 26	Farmers Market	Village Hall 12.30 – 2.30pm
Sat 26	Bowls & Social Club Quiz	Bowls & Social Club 7.30pm
Mon 28	Elsenham Eagles	Bowls & Social Club 7.15/7.30pm

Elsenham Village Regular Weekly Activities

Day	Time	Activity	Location
Monday	9.30-10.30am	Zumba	Memorial Hall
	10.30-11.30am	Health walk	Start at De Mandeville Green
	4-4.30pm	Rascals (3-4yrs)	Memorial Hall (term time)
	4.30-5.30pm	Rascals (5-7yrs)	Memorial Hall (term time)
	5.30-7pm	Rascals (8-12yrs)	Memorial Hall (term time)
Tuesday	9.30-11.30am	Village Café Coffee	Memorial Hall
	12.15-1pm	Touchpoint Food Share	Memorial Hall
	4.45-5.45pm	Rainbows	Memorial Hall (term-time)
	4.45-5.45pm	Beavers	Ugley Village Hall (term-time)
	6-7.15pm	Cubs (Wolf Pack)	Ugley Village Hall (term-time)
	6-7.30pm	Brownies	Memorial Hall (term-time)
	7.30-10.30pm	Tennis Club night	Tennis Courts
	8pm	Fitness Yoga/Pilates	Memorial Hall
Wednesday	9.45-11.30	Tots and Toddlers	Memorial Hall (term-time)
	5.30 & 7pm	Slimming World	Memorial Hall
	6.30-7.15pm	Women's Strength and Mobility	Village Hall
	7-9pm	Scouts	Ugley Village Hall (term-time)
	7.30pm	Aerobics	Elsenham Village Hall
Thursday	9.30-10.45am	Buffy Playbus	Crocus Drive (see website)
	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)
Saturday	8.15am-1pm	Tarte au Citroen	Playing Field
	8.45am-12pm	Youth boys & girls football	Playing Field
	9-11.15am	Forte Dance Class	Memorial Hall (term-time)
	8.45-9.30am	Little Kickers Mighty	Village Hall (term-time)
	9.35-10.20am	Little Kickers Junior	Village Hall (term-time)
	10.25-11.10am	Little Kickers Tots	Village Hall (term-time)



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THE NEWS REPORT

From The Editors



The incredible summer seems to be coming to an end now and temperatures are returning to those we would normally expect. While the summer finally cools, events and activities are certainly remaining active in and around Elsenham..

We hope as many of you as possible can attend the Macmillan coffee morning on the 25th just a few days after we've all celebrated 50 years of the Tennis Club (Sunday 20 September).

If you want to know what's going on in the village start by attending the Parish Council meeting on the 7th and then, on the 9th you can find out what used to happen by popping along to the History Society meeting.

The Community Choir are singing out about the benefits of joining them for a session or two and see how you get on (page 22). If you want to be stretched in other ways, we welcome to our columns for the first time the Thaxted Wellness Hub (page 23). It's always a pleasure to help new ventures locally.

Elsenham is still designated 'semi-rural', so it's interesting to get a local producer's views on the recent weather and what effect that will have on the harvest (page 24). Fascinating and very informative.

But the big topic locally these past couple of months has been the illegal parking operation just outside the village. The district councillors give their views on the situation (page 17) and have provided a very detailed Q&A on the matter (pages 32 and 33).

As we say, it looks like it will be a busy month!

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Elsenham News

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It has been another busy few months for Elsenham Parish Council, with a number of projects and local issues continuing to progress.

Residents will be aware of the ongoing concerns regarding the unauthorised airport car park at New Farm, on Stansted Road, close to the village boundary. The matter continues to be dealt with through the planning and enforcement process and has attracted considerable attention, including coverage in the local press and wider media. The Parish Council will continue to monitor developments and press the relevant authorities to ensure that residents' concerns are properly considered.

The Parish Council has also been liaising regarding **Alsa Wood** and its management. A fallen branch was recently removed by the woodland management company. The Parish Council is pleased that the matter has been dealt with so quickly.

We have recently introduced a new layout for the **Parish Council website**, making it easier to find agendas, minutes and supporting documents for Council meetings. The meetings section now brings together the relevant papers in one place, including agendas, draft minutes and supporting information. We hope this will make it easier for residents to see what the Council is discussing and to keep up to date with local matters.

The website can be found at the Elsenham Parish Council website, where residents can also find information about Council services, councillors, local facilities and how to report issues. [Elsenhams Parish Council website](http://www.elsenhams-pc.gov.uk/)

New pavilion at Bloor Homes development

The new pavilion being provided as part of the Bloor Homes development is now nearing completion.

The facility will provide an important new community and sporting asset for Elsenham, and the Parish Council is continuing to follow progress towards completion and arrangements for its future use.

Looking ahead

Thank you to everyone who takes the time to contact the Parish Council, attend meetings and raise issues on behalf of the village. Your feedback helps the Council identify where attention is needed. As always, residents are welcome to contact the Parish Council Clerk or attend a Parish Council meeting if they would like to raise a local issue or find out more about the work of the Council

The next Parish Council meeting will be on Monday 7 September at 7.45pm in the Memorial Hall. All residents are welcome.



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DEVELOPMENT DEVELOPMENTS

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



Last month, I summarised some of the objections to the detailed application for 130 homes south of the Crown, including the need to deal sympathetically with the proximity to Elsenham Place, a Grade 2 listed property dating back to the 16th or 17th century. This month, Uttlesford District Council has refused a retrospective application for various alterations to Elsenham Place, both external and internal. The application's 'Planning History' claims that a search of UDC's planning website shows the last record as 1980. But this is wrong. The same contractors submitted a similar application in August 2025 which was refused by Uttlesford in October 2025. Perhaps they thought UDC wouldn't notice.

A retrospective application is considered identically to any other - it is not a factor that the work has already been done. But it becomes difficult to re-word the application in order to meet the objections. To take one example amongst many, with regard to the south wing, the previous specification whereby the timber frames were to be set aside for re-use or as spare parts now becomes an instruction to repair them in-situ, presumably because it has been found that they can indeed be re-used.

But it doesn't help. Uttlesford's reasons for refusal are general rather than particular, although they have shifted their position slightly. In 2025, they objected that 'The proposed development . . . would fail to preserve or enhance the significance of Elsenham Place'; they now say that there is 'insufficient information' to 'demonstrate how the proposals would preserve, enhance or conserve' its significance - which is not quite the same thing.

After the church, Elsenham Place is the most significant listed building in the village. Where the owners go from here is an interesting question. There is a possible hint that they need to talk to Uttlesford. They could appeal; if they lose, then Uttlesford could require them to restore the building to its previous condition - which could prove difficult. If you're thinking of making alterations to a listed building, it's probably best to seek planning approval first.

On the other side of Henham Road, off Crocus Drive, Bloor Homes agreed that a new football pitch and pavilion would be available before 150 homes are occupied. It's the sort of undertaking which developers give knowing that nothing much will happen if they don't keep to it, and so it has proved. The first phase of 350 homes nears completion - so too does the new facility, but it won't be available until autumn 2027 at the earliest. When completed, it will provide much needed new provision for Elsenham Youth Football Club, as well as a facility for an eventual development in three parts totalling as many as 680 homes. The adjoining NEAP (Neighbourhood Equipped Area for Play) will be available 'soon' at the time of writing. It will include a zip wire, table tennis table and a much-reduced basketball court. A NEAP is supposed to be designed mainly for older children - but there will be nothing to stop adults using it.



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I was intrigued by Chairman Ray's Reflections in the July magazine speaking about the early days of ballooning and the Elsenham connection. My research discovered that it was in fact George Rush, resident of Elsenham Hall and then Lord of the Manor, who made those ascents in 1838. George Rush was a scientist and astronomer, and he wanted to use the ascents, which he financed, to test a new barometer of his design.

Ever since the first balloon ascent by the Montgolfier brothers in 1783, ballooning had captured the public imagination. Just two years later, 1785 was notable for several pioneering balloon flights in Britain and Europe, including an ascent in London by George Biggin and Letitia Anne Sage and the first crossing of the English Channel by Jean-Pierre Blanchard.

On September 4, 1838 George, accompanied by the celebrated balloonists Charles Green and Edward Spencer, made the first of his experimental ascents from Vauxhall Gardens. They attained an altitude of 19,335 feet (5,893 m) and descended at Thaxted in Essex. The second ascent, again from Vauxhall Gardens, was made on September 10 and was for the "purpose of ascertaining the greatest altitude that could be attained with the Great Nassau balloon inflated with carburetted hydrogen (coal) gas and carrying two persons only". George Rush and Charles Green reached an altitude of 27,146 feet (8,274 m) or a bit more than five miles. This was as indicated by the barometer, which fell from 30.50 to 11 inches of mercury; meanwhile the thermometer showed the temperature falling from 16 to -15 °C. Both men suffered "head swellings" and bleeding from the eyes and ears; what we would now call altitude sickness.

The Great Nassau (originally the Royal Vauxhall Balloon) was a famous 19th-century balloon designed by British aeronaut Charles Green. Measuring over 60 feet tall and filled with coal gas it got its name from a record-breaking flight from London to Nassau, Germany in 1836. A distance of 480 miles covered in 18 hours.

George Rush, who remained a keen balloonist up to his death in 1851, was survived by his wife Clarissa who built the village school in 1863 which still survives today.

Our next meeting will be held on Wednesday September 9 at 8pm in the Memorial Hall. Our speaker for the evening will be Mark Ratcliff, who is returning to speak about Matching Airfield. At this point I must offer my apologies for previously calling him Martin. Mark's previous talk on the Hatfield Heath Prisoner of War Camp was very well received, so we are looking forward to another good evening.

As always, all are welcome and visitors pay just £2.00. We look forward to seeing you there.

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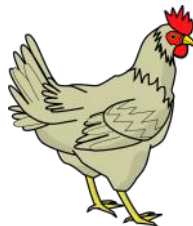
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The holidays might be coming to an end, but the fun doesn't have to. There really is so much to do and see at the farm and our animals just love seeing you all. So do be sure to come and see us.

Please always check our website for the latest information.



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By Moyra Jackson ☎ 647351



I am writing this as we head into our fifth (or possibly sixth) heat wave of the summer. Despite my northern roots I really enjoy the hot weather – possibly not so much during the night! Hope you are all staying safe and hydrated.

Our 'Dames Who Dine' had a fabulous time at Little Easton Manor for one of their Tapas nights. The food was great and the company was wonderful. Strangely, considering the heat, most of us ended up with fleeces to ward off an unseasonably cool evening.

We had an excellent turnout at our last Natter Night. These are held in The Crown pub – currently on the second Monday every month. It is an opportunity for anyone who is interested in crafting to join us there. Many thanks to the staff at The Crown for making us welcome.

September's meeting is always our Members' Night and is the month the Committee has a well-earned rest from organising and running the meeting. It is a lovely surprise for all of us as to what the theme will be. This meeting will be on Thursday September 17 at 7:45pm. Good luck to all the Members' Night organisers and thank you on behalf of the Committee.

Our meetings over the next few months are:

October 15 – The Essex Witch Trials with Peggy Griffin

November 19 – Fyfield Handbell Ringing Group

December 17 – Christmas Party

As a member you get all our monthly meetings plus the opportunity to come to our many sub-group activities. We accept new or returning members throughout the year and you can be sure of a warm welcome – plus, if you are really lucky, some delicious cake.



Penny Lee (left) is presented with flowers by Moyra Jackson as a thank you for hosting the Garden Party

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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We recognise the concerns that the airport-related parking at New Farm has caused for local residents and understand the frustration that people feel about the situation.

The council has been working on this issue since it was first brought to our attention in spring 2025. We initially tried to resolve the matter through direct discussions with the operator and sought a voluntary agreement for the use of the site to cease. When that approach did not resolve the matter, we moved promptly to formal planning enforcement.

A Planning Enforcement Notice was served on 14 August 2025, requiring the unauthorised use of the site to stop and the associated works to be removed. The operator appealed the notice on 1 September 2025, and the case has been with the Government's Planning Inspectorate since then. While the appeal is being considered, the council's ability to take further planning enforcement action is limited. We understand that this is frustrating for residents, particularly as the use of the site has continued while the appeal remains unresolved.

We have continued to make enquiries with the Planning Inspectorate for updates and are keen for the appeal to be dealt with as soon as possible. We are also continuing to work with relevant partner organisations to see whether there are other appropriate ways of addressing the concerns raised by residents. Where concerns relate to matters that fall within the responsibility of Trading Standards or another agency, we have passed these on or directed residents to the appropriate organisation. We have also written to Trading Standards to set out our concerns. Trading Standards is an independent function and the council cannot direct it to investigate.

We appreciate that much of this work takes place behind the scenes and therefore may not always be visible to residents. We want to reassure the community that the council and your elected representatives continue to pursue every appropriate avenue available to us. We will continue to press for progress and keep residents informed as the situation develops.

We are grateful to residents who have continued to raise their concerns and provide information. Please do get in touch if you have questions or information that you believe may assist.

Our next monthly residents' surgery will be held in September, with details to follow.

Please see pages 28 and 29 for a detailed q&a on this topic

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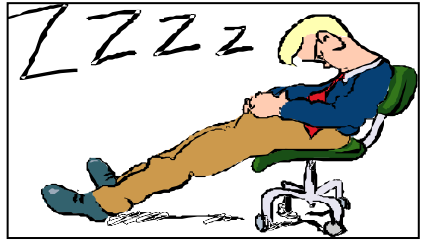


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Ray's Reflections

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Andy Burnham became prime minister on 20 July 2026. Two days later he announced a **£2 cap on single bus fares** in England outside London. That starts January 1, 2027.

He conceived the **Bee Network**, which brought Greater Manchester buses back under local control for the first time in almost 40 years.

The Bus Services Act 2025 lets every local transport authority in England outside London pursue franchising. The tools for a wider rollout already exist.

I travelled on the first bus under the new “County Connect” operator. A smart, clean and new bus which had seat belts throughout.

A little late, just five minutes later than the timetabled arrival time. As good as and in some ways a little better than Stephensons.

Ray Franklin (Transport Representative-Elsenham Parish Council)

Ray Franklin

GARDEN HINT *By Sue Johnson*

Leave perennials for insects. Resist the urge to cut back plants such as echinaceas when they finish flowering. Their hollow stems and seedheads provide valuable homes for overwintering lacewings and ladybirds.

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"I have been coming to the Memory Lane Café for a while and really enjoy the company of everyone."

"Since I have been going to the café, I have gotten some good knowledge about dementia through meeting different people who come, they offer a good, relaxed environment for the individuals to chat and make friends which makes a huge difference in their lives. Through these chats I have gotten to learn about different activities offered."



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There are no auditions at our choir, just come along sing, have fun and be part of something brilliant!

Please find us on our Elsenham Community Choir Facebook page and feel free to message if you have any queries.



THAXTED WELLNESS HUB

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A new wellness space has opened just a short drive from Elsenham, bringing yoga, Pilates, breathwork, sound and a range of wellbeing experiences to the local area.

Set amongst fields and nature, Thaxted Wellness Hub offers a peaceful rural setting where people can come together to move, breathe, rest and connect. The hub is ideally placed for local residents looking for something a little different on their doorstep.

The vision behind the hub is about more than simply attending a weekly class. It is intended as a connective community space, bringing people together through movement, mindfulness and shared experiences. The programme includes yoga and Pilates classes, breathwork and sound sessions, as well as workshops, events and retreats.

Whether you are completely new to yoga or Pilates, already have an established practice, or simply fancy trying something different, the hub welcomes people at all stages. Community and connection are central to the ethos. The hope is to create a space where people can not only attend a class, but also meet others, discover new practices and feel part of something local.

Thaxted Wellness Hub, Hammer Hill Farm, Stanbrook, Thaxted, CM6 2NH.
For information about classes, workshops, events and retreats, visit thaxtedwellnesshub.co.uk



HARVEST

By Richard Peake ☎ 850374

I wrote an article last year bemoaning the drought in 2025 but here I am once more with an even drier year in 2026! Firstly, let's look at the rainfall in Henham:-

	<u>March to July</u>	<u>Total for the year</u>	
1975	265mm	23ins	
1976	92mm	20ins	
2025	125mm	19ins	
2026	90mm	Any guesses?	
40-year average	251mm	25ins	
			1in = 25.4mm

We complained in 1975 that it was a dry year – it was because June and July were hot and dry after a normal spring. Then we were hit in 1976 by a scorcher but at least that year we had regular monthly amounts of rain of about half the average but with hot weather. This year was completely different with both April and July having ***ZERO rain*** (except a useless 1mm in July that evaporated 30 mins later). The heatwaves added to the lack of rain with a vengeance as we are still experiencing throughout August. If it was not for the cooler 2ins (50mm) of rain we had in June it would have been far worse.

But how has it affected farmers? In 1976 the yields were hammered by the drought and a biblical plague of aphids with water hungry crops such as potatoes suffering very badly. But what of 2026? As in 1976 the cereal harvests this year was essentially wrapped up by the end of July - about 4/5 weeks early. So, with those weeks lost to grain filling it is not surprising that yields are at least 25% down on expected levels with the worst cases suffering 50%. Spring sown crops have suffered worse as we had no rain at all after sowing in April. We are fortunate that modern cultivation techniques conserve moisture much better than when farmers used to leave the land on the plough over winter and had to cultivate twice to get a seedbed in the spring but lost the moisture in doing so. Spring sown crops emerged patchily this year with some seeds finding moisture and grew but other seeds sat in dry soil for many weeks before germinating in the June rain. Thus, those fields had *two crops* in them! Harvesting these was a nightmare as the farmer had to wait until the later germinated plants matured whilst the earlier plants with seeds started to lose them!! All these poor yields are compounded by the farmer having spent £££s on all their fertiliser etc for a normal crop. Any offers to become a farmer? Applications made to the local mental home please! There was one piece of good news for Essex farmers though as oilseed rape did very well as the crop was well rooted by the spring and withstood the drought.

The problem does not stop there as plans must now be made for planting the new season's crop. With fertiliser prices inflated by the war in Iran, 2 years of poor yields and the threat of IH tax – the mood is not great. Early plans are showing a reduced wheat crop for 2027 harvest with farmers wanting to enter as much land into the SFI (Sustainable Farming Incentive) government schemes, which pay for wildlife friendly flowering (non-harvestable) crops, as possible. But these schemes are limited as they should be, so more than a few farmers are expected to just fallow some land and grow nothing. So much for food security, but who can blame them if they lose money on those fields. The real problem is that governments worldwide want cheap food for their populations and provide subsidies to grow them. But getting the right balance is often impossible and will inevitably fail at times. Still, we are a rich nation that can afford to out-buy poorer nations.

But the drought has also severely affected livestock farmers towards the west of England and Wales. They heavily rely on the grass re-growing from the 'first cut' (for hay/haylage/silage) to graze their animals for milk etc, but this has not happened nearly enough so that, as last summer, they are now resorting to feed some of their precious winter supplies. Fortunately, our eastern arable farmers can help as they have baled the straw in nearly every field of wheat/barley and oats (in most years the straw is chopped by the combine and returned to the field). If you have seen the large rectangular bales in the fields, these are mainly destined for the livestock farmers and some for burning (200,000 tons) in the Elean biomass power station in Ely. The barley and oat straw can be eaten by cattle etc as a 'maintenance' diet, but they will need extra feed from cattle nuts (cereal + proteins *such as soya*) to really thrive and produce milk. Wheat straw is much stiffer and pretty inedible compared to the softer barley/oat straw and is mainly used for bedding. Any small or round bales are for local use.

Still don't worry about your dead grass, it will regrow after a decent amount of rain in the autumn/winter as it did in 1976. But your dead shrubs are DEAD.



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The sun is still shining and our gardens are scorching. Trees and plants are suffering now despite our efforts to try and water as best we can with hosepipe bans in force. Some of you may have been lucky enough to visit the RHS Sandringham Flower Show and it must have been a task keeping all the show gardens and displays looking good. As I write this article I am in Suffolk watching the plumes of smoke rise as Dunwich Heath burns.

Despite all of this going on around us and in the wider world, the club enjoyed a wonderful July evening with demonstrator Debbie Bull and her title 'Forget me Not'.

The hall was hot but Debbie still created some beautiful arrangements (see picture right) depicting many of her lifetime memories. As is usual at our meetings, her displays were raffled and many of us went home with some lovely colour to brighten our homes. Debbie currently lives in Cambridgeshire but spent many years living in the local area so it was a pleasure to welcome her back.



Our next meeting is in the evening of Wednesday 16th September with Lorraine Gagen and her title 'Into the Wardrobe'. Please come and join us for an evening of flowers, friendship, and fun. You will be made very welcome.

We meet every third Wednesday of the month at 7pm for 7.30pm start at Ugley Village Hall, Cambridge Road CM22 6HR.



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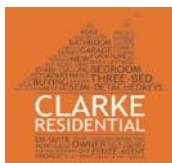
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Pearls and other gems.....

What do Henry VIII and Audrey Hepburn have in common? Well, pearls of course! Picture the famous portrait/photograph of each and there are the pearls, emphasising their renown. On a hot July afternoon, a large audience turned out, some with makeshift fans, to hear James Middleton's presentation on Pearls. In his wide-ranging talk he charted the biology and history of pearls, the retrieval of pearls from freshwater and oceans, the amazing breath-holding physical feats of pearl divers over the centuries as well as the astonishing amounts people have paid for such gems over time. An unforgettable example being the thousands Richard Burton paid to gift the famous La Peregrina pearl to Elizabeth Taylor in 1969!

Another talk not to be missed on 17th September is that by Andy Strange on the role of the RAF and Special Operations Executive in supporting the Resistance during World War Two, a subject that promises to be enlightening and affecting like many of the stories that come out of War.

Do you ever get irritated or overwhelmed by the expectations of IT? A silly question for me, that is for sure! The u3a does run a gem of a class that might be just the way to help you over some of those IT bumps. The class is held once a month, and part of its approach is to demonstrate the usefulness of many of the facets of our digital world. So far, some of the topics covered include the digital letterbox of emails, the helpful librarian of AI and shopping and banking online. Check the website and go to 'groups' to find further information.

Remember membership of the u3a costs only £14 for a year and that gives you so many possibilities for further learning and lots of fun. Check the website www.stansted.u3asite.uk or call ☎ 07874 385541.

Uttlesford Community Supermarket

We are so sorry to announce that our Community Supermarket project has now ended.

Working alongside communities across Uttlesford to address food insecurity and support residents has been a real privilege. We want to thank our wonderful customers, partners, volunteers and supporters who have continually encouraged and motivated the team over the past months.

For those who are in need of food support, please visit uttlesford.gov.uk for details of the Uttlesford Community Response Hub.



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When I sat down to write an article for Elsenham News last month I noted that it was very hot outside, and not much cooler in my office. I then went on to write about unseasonable things such as hot soup and our Christmas Tree Festival. One month on not much has changed. It is a *little* cooler, but not that noticeable. The garden is looking more and more like a desert, and the year has advanced further towards those (currently) unseasonable events.

As described last time, we are re-creating a “Soup Café” in memory of Avril Braidwood, in partnership with the WI. This will be held on Saturday October 24, from 12.30 until 2.30 in the Memorial Hall. There will be a selection of soups, including vegan ones, together with tea, coffee and cake. For the entirely reasonable sum of £5.00 you will get a bowl of soup, a drink and a slice of home-made cake. Can you resist that? I can't, and I look forward to seeing you there.

Then over the weekend of December 5/6 we will be holding our celebrated Christmas Tree Festival, where the church will be full of Christmas trees, decorated by village companies and individuals. Those who have been before will know what a wonderful spectacle it is, and an excellent start to the Christmas season. There will be more details coming out in the next weeks and months, but it is not too early to start asking for volunteers to help. We will need assistance in setting up the church in the week beforehand and with refreshments, stewarding, car parking etc. on the days themselves. If you think you can help, even if just for a few hours, please ring Jill on ☎ 01279 812397 or Elizabeth on ☎ 01279 813543.

Our church of St. Mary the Virgin is very old, and monies raised through our Fabric Fund go to help maintain this lovely ancient building. Built over 900 years ago, in the time of Henry I, it contains many interesting historic features. Come visit and soak up the history, peace and quiet. Even better, join the Fabric Fund, it only costs a minimum of £5 a year (although more is always welcome). We lay on activities from time to time which we hope you will come and enjoy.

Thanks for reading this, and I hope to see you at some of our events.

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Frequently Asked Questions

Is the operator breaking the law?

Operating without planning permission is not, in itself, a criminal offence in England. The council has served a Planning Enforcement Notice because we consider that the use of the site requires planning permission and that permission would not be granted. The operator has appealed the notice, and the outcome of that appeal is now awaited. There may be other legislation that applies to the operation of the site, but those matters fall outside the council's planning enforcement powers. Where appropriate, residents have been directed to the relevant agency.

Why can't the council stop the operation immediately?

The council has used its planning enforcement powers and served an Enforcement Notice in August 2025. However, the operator has appealed the notice. While that appeal is being considered, the council's ability to take further enforcement action under the notice is restricted. If the appeal is dismissed and the Enforcement Notice remains in force, the operator will be required to comply. If they do not, the council can then consider further enforcement action, including prosecution through the courts. We appreciate that the planning process can take time and that this is particularly frustrating for residents who are experiencing the effects of the situation now. We are therefore continuing to explore whether there are other appropriate avenues through partner agencies.

Why are residents being asked to contact Trading Standards?

Trading Standards is a separate service operated by the county council. Where a resident's concerns relate to consumer protection or other Trading Standards matters, we have directed them to the appropriate service so that it can assess the information and determine whether further action is appropriate. The council has also written to Trading Standards to make them aware of our concerns.

Why isn't the council seeking a court injunction?

We keep all appropriate enforcement options under review. However, we cannot comment publicly on ongoing legal considerations or potential legal action. Our legal team remains involved and we will consider the appropriate steps as the planning appeal progresses.

Why is the appeal taking so long?

The appeal is being dealt with by the Government's Planning Inspectorate, which is independent of the council. We have been making regular enquiries with the Inspectorate for updates and have made clear that we would like the case to progress as quickly as possible.

Can Stansted Airport do anything?

The site is outside the airport boundary, so the airport does not have planning enforcement powers over it. We continue to work with the airport and other partners and are exploring whether there are practical ways in which they may be able to support efforts to address the wider concerns.

Why has this taken so long?

Planning enforcement is governed by a legal process, and enforcement notices can be appealed. This means that cases cannot always be resolved as quickly as residents, councillors or the council would like. In this case, the council first sought a voluntary resolution before serving an Enforcement Notice in August 2025. The subsequent appeal has meant that the matter is now with the Planning Inspectorate. We understand residents' frustration and will continue to pursue the matter through every appropriate route available to us.

Keeping residents informed

We know that residents want to see progress and that the lack of visible action can be frustrating. Not all of the work being undertaken by the council and your representatives can be seen publicly, but we are continuing to engage with the relevant organisations, seek updates from the Planning Inspectorate and consider what further steps may be available.

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We always encourage people to visit parish churches; they are usually the oldest building in any community and their interiors have great variety.

Here I will discuss one particular feature, the screen, which forms a partition, both physically and symbolically, between the laity or congregation in the nave, the main part of the church, and the clergy in the chancel. The screen, sometimes referred to as a chancel screen, often has a lattice design to allow people worshipping in the nave to see through into the chancel. Chancel comes from a Latin word meaning lattice. Several of our churches have finely-carved 15th-century wooden screens including Albury, Finchingfield, Manuden and Wendens Ambo and **Henham**, (see right).



Some screens are called rood screens. Above these screens is a “rood” - a representation of Christ’s crucifixion, usually flanked by two saints, most often Mary and St John. Rood is a Saxon word meaning cross. The Hundred Parishes has some fine examples of rood screens. They are usually carved in wood but in Stebbing and Great Bardfield parish churches (both dedicated to St. Mary) the 14th-century screens are carved in stone. This is a really rare feature. The rood screen at Great Bardfield church is shown on the left.



Little Canfield’s wooden rood screen is believed to date from the 14th century.

A carved 15th-century wooden screen can be found in Sawbridgeworth’s Church of Great St Mary with a depiction above it of the risen Christ installed as recently as 2000 AD.

The Church of Holy Trinity at Takeley has a relatively modern rood screen, installed around 1910 and featuring a wooden carving of Christ on the cross with a saint on each side.

I have named just some examples around The Hundred Parishes. Please explore our local churches, perhaps while following one of the walk descriptions that can be downloaded from www.hundredparishes.org.uk

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

ST MARY'S CHURCH ELSENHAM
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Thought For The Month *by Pete Tibbott*

What good news have you heard this year?

'We'd love to offer you the job!'

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Good news can be life changing. And good news is what we're all about in Henham, Elsenham and Ugley Church.

C.S. Lewis once wrote, "I believe in Christianity as I believe that the sun has risen: not only because I see it, but because by it I see everything else." Lewis's Christian faith enabled him to understand what the world was all about, with its simultaneous staggering beauty and horrifying cruelty.

I remember a similar feeling when I was 15, having first heard the good news of Jesus (the 'gospel') explained to me. It hit me like a punch in the gut... but in a good way. A life-changing way. It really was the best news I'd ever heard. I was filled with relief, purpose, life and hope. And I've never looked back.

Perhaps you went to church or Sunday school as a child and remember the uncomfortable pews, the familiar stories and the same slow hymns. Or maybe the thought of stepping foot in a church is so unfamiliar that you'd rather think of anything else.

But the gospel of Jesus Christ has been handed down the centuries and across the world, like a baton in a relay race, for the last 2000 years. It's been received

and passed on by those whose lives are changed by it; who hear the good news and can't wait to share it with others. I'd love for you, reading this, to have a chance to hear it too.

Would you like to hear some good news?

This autumn we will be hosting a brand new version of Christianity Explored, a course exploring the foundational truths of the Christian faith. It will take place on six consecutive Wednesday evenings, starting 16 September through to 21 October, 7.30-9pm at Henham Church. And you are warmly invited to come!

You won't be asked to pray or sing or make a donation. We only ask that you come with an open mind. Come with your doubts and questions. Come with friends or family, or on your own if you prefer.

The course is completely free - so what have you got to lose?

Find out more and book your place by visiting www.heuchurch.org/CE26.

We'd love to see you there.



Henham, Elsenham & Ugley Churches

For further details on everything going on at Henham, Elsenham & Ugley (HEU) Churches, visit www.heuchurch.org

CHURCH EVENTS IN OUR VILLAGES SEPTEMBER 2026

Church Services

Sunday 6th September

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

Sunday 13th September

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

Sunday 20th September

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

Sunday 27th September

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Sundays: 13th, 20th & 27th

Pathfinders (Y6-Y9)

Henham Church 6.00pm - leave from
service to meet in the New Church
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Sundays: 6th, 13th, 20th & 27th

Crammin' (Y10-Y13)

Henham Church 6.00pm – leave from
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Sundays: 6th, 13th, 20th & 27th

MID-WEEK AND SATURDAY:

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Old Frank's, Elsenham 9.30am

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

Seekers After School Bible Club

(Y3-Y4) Old Frank's 3.20pm

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ELSENHAM BOWLS AND SOCIAL CLUB

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By David Thomas



The mid-summer evenings are warm and inviting to enjoy a game of bowls. There is plenty going on at Elsenham Bowls and Social Club with our bowlers busy completing their internal competitions ready for the finals weekend on September 5 and 6.

It is sad to think that the final match of the outdoor season is approaching so quickly and will be played on September 20 with our traditional Ladies v Gents event. Visitors and spectators are welcome to join us to watch the matches on these weekends.

The next Music Night coming up later in the year is our Annual Dinner Dance and Presentation night on October 17. Please book the date in your diary. Full details and menus will be available soon.

Bingo sessions at the club are on September 19 (7:30 for 8:00pm) and October 10 and 24. Please note that, from October, Bingo sessions are at 7:00 for a 7:30pm start. Darts sessions run on a Thursday evening throughout the year from 7:00pm, to which all members are welcome.

Remember to join us for coaching from 5pm, rollups and of course BowlsBash from 6pm on a Friday evening up until September 18. Our social evenings continue all year round from 7pm.

For full details about Elsenham Bowls Club including membership and our opening times please see our website www.elsenhambc.org.uk

What to watch for at the Bowls Club during September:

September 12 - Disco Music Night 7.30pm

September 19 - Bingo - Eyes down 8pm

September 26 - EBSC Quiz night 8pm

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Contact Hayley Wilson, recruitment support on the above number for further help or guidance.

FROM THE PARISH REGISTERS

Funeral:

On 13 August 2026 at Elsenham Church, Ian Geoffrey Beeston, aged 88 years, formerly of Broom Farm Road, Elsenham.

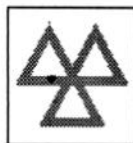
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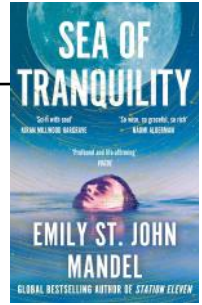
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SEA OF TRANQUILITY BY EMILY ST JOHN MANDEL

Reviewed by Marion Giles for Elsenham Book Group



'From Vancouver Island in 1912 to a dark colony of the moon three hundred years later. *Sea of Tranquility* by Emily St. John Mandel is a story of parallel worlds and possibilities that plays with the very line along which time should run.

Lives separated by time and space have collided, and an exiled Englishman, a writer trapped far from home, and a girl destined to die too young, have each glimpsed a world that is not their own.

Travelling through the centuries, between colonies on the moon and an ever-changing Earth, together their lives will solve a mystery that will make you question everything you thought you knew to be true. ' *So says the blurb on the back of the book.*

'A cunning time-travel narrative . . . Unputdownable.' *The Guardian*

The Amazon AI says: Customers find this book to be an exceptional novel with a plausible time travel storyline and deftly constructed plot. The writing style is well-executed, and customers describe it as a quick, enjoyable read that's thought-provoking, with one review noting it as a meditation on reality and humanity. The book receives mixed feedback regarding character development, with some finding the characters immensely believable while others feel they are undeveloped.

This was the choice of the book group this month and was generally well-liked.

A short and very satisfying read. It was never Gasperry-Jacques Roberts' plan to work for the Time Institute, but through a combination of circumstances, that's exactly what he finds himself doing - investigating an anomaly that spans centuries and touches several people's lives. Why did the anomaly occur? Is the world a simulation or has there been a tear in the space-time continuum?

There are three characters that are visited by Gasperry: Edwin, in 1912, exiled from England; Mirella, in 2020, trying to find her friend Vincent and Olive in 2203, an author who is on a book tour following the successful film of the book. These characters have had the same experience at different times. Gasperry is sent to interview these characters to find out what they saw. However, the first rule of time travel is not to interfere or try to change outcomes.

We also are given background to Gasperry, his sister Zoe and their mother who believes in the simulation. The structure of the book means that the plot pivots around the central chapter, making the second half of the book develop stories we met in the first half (a bit like David Mitchell's *Cloud Atlas*).

Some of these characters appeared previously in *The Glass Hotel*.



NEXT FARMERS MARKET - 26 September 2026

Our Market runs on the last Saturday of every month, but just to make things easier, these are the dates for the rest of 2026: -

OCTOBER 31

NOVEMBER 28 (*all things festive*)

Did you know that living in close proximity to a Farmers Market can increase the value of your home, as it's seen as a really positive selling feature, so why not make the most of ours?

Our stallholders can vary from month to month, and 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. We are open from 12.30-2.30pm you will not be disappointed.

We have a great range of products, including eggs, honey, apple juice, cakes, savoury pastries, local meat products, healthy Kombucha, dog treats, chutneys and jams, plants, fish, whole foods and spices, bread, cheese...The list is long, and the majority is locally produced.

Not sure what you're after? Why not come for fresh barista coffee and cake and have a browse at the produce whilst you're here or sit at a table and watch the world go by...it's a win win!

Most of the produce is homemade, so not only do you get to treat yourself to these fantastic goodies once a month, but you are also supporting local businesses and coming together with our fabulous community; you might even make a new friend! We look forward to welcoming you.

Plenty of parking and no charge for entry; just enjoy and immerse yourself in all the gorgeous produce!

Best wishes
Elsenham Farmers Market Team

COOKERY CORNER

By Sue Johnson ☎ 812704



This recipe is very easy to make and extremely versatile. The salad is full of flavour and texture. Mix and match the ingredients to suit what is in season. Especially good at this time of year made with home grown sun ripened tomatoes and really fresh beans.

SALADE NICOISE (serves 2)

8 small new potatoes
50g green beans (a small handful), trimmed and halved
2 eggs
1 Little Gem Lettuce, washed and quartered
50g pitted mixed or black olives
2 medium tomatoes, quartered or 8 cherry tomatoes, cut in half
145g can tuna in olive oil, drained, oil reserved

For the dressing:

1 garlic clove
1 tablespoon Dijon mustard
2 tablespoons red wine vinegar
4 tablespoons reserved olive oil from the tuna can (topped up, if needed)

To make the dressing, crush the garlic. Add the mustard and vinegar, then slowly stir in the oil. Set aside.

Put the new potatoes into a large pan of cold, slightly salted water. Bring to the boil, then reduce to simmer. Add the beans and cook for 5 minutes, then remove with a slotted spoon, plunge into a bowl of cold water to cool. Cook the potatoes until tender, drain and leave to cool. Halve or quarter the potatoes and toss in a large bowl with 1 tablespoon of the dressing.

Meanwhile, simmer the eggs for 7½ minutes. Transfer to a bowl of cold water. Drain the beans and eggs. Peel and halve the eggs.

Tip the lettuce quarters, cooked green beans and olives into the bowl with the potatoes. Add most of the remaining dressing and gently toss. Divide the salad between two bowls and top with the tomatoes and eggs. Flake over the tuna, then drizzle with the remainder of the dressing and season. Serve immediately.

CHEF'S RECOMMENDATIONS: Little Gem lettuce is great for crunch but you could also use rocket or mixed leaves. To optimise the flavour of this salad, use really ripe tomatoes, if you have them. Alternatively, use a handful of sundried tomatoes instead. If you prefer, omit the potatoes. For maximum flavour, let the cooked potatoes and green beans cool in the dressing.

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