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What's On, In and Around ELHAM

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Welcome to the Elham Newsletter April 2024

Have you already eaten some chocolate Easter Eggs? Hot cross buns? When the clocks change to British Summer Time the whole day is brighter!

Our front cover picture shows the planters made by Barry Flanagan when the gazebo was put up in the Village Hall garden. Pauline Flanagan and volunteers are responsible for the planting. Thank you to all... Spring is sprung!



And thank you, too, for the donations we have received for Elham Village Hall Association. If you would like to support EVHA, details for donations are on page 7, or why not attend one of the fundraising events?.

We are still needing volunteers to distribute the Newsletter. If you have an hour or so to spare each month to deliver 20/30 copies of the Elham Newsletter, please contact Janet Pain our Distribution Organiser on 07710595891- she will be pleased to hear from you - we need more people in order to keep the rounds an acceptable size.

Take a look at 'What's On, In and Around Elham', there may be something that you could take part in this month. If you have any special activities that have happened or are planned for May 2024, do send details and pictures before April 13th to elhamnewsletter@gmail.com.

Editor, Renee Bull

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LIBRARY

Mobile Library is fortnightly in Elham outside the Rose and Crown - Fridays at 12.35 -13.05.

A selection of used books is available for a donation in St Mary The Virgin Church, The Square.

BACS PAYMENT DETAILS FOR EVHA:

Elham Village Hall Association Ltd
Sort Code: 09- 01- 52
Account No. 13698706

Elham Village Hall Association website:
www.elhamvillagehall.co.uk



SOCIAL, SNACKS AND CINEMA

Wednesday 3rd April

Our monthly socials into the world of film continue Wednesday 3rd April (*always the first Wednesday in the month*) with another interesting film set in 1950s London.

We always hold these evenings in the cosy Peggy Pike Room at Elham Village Hall. Entry is just £5.00 on the door. The bar opens at 7pm and there will be a break for ice creams and snacks.

We hope to see you there.

Jan Stanyon

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email bookingsecretary.ev@gmail.com.

Elham Village Hall Association News



The trustees of Elham Village Hall sent a letter to all hirers regarding hiring charges. They always strive to provide the best facility and manage the hall for the benefit of the community. In this last year the facility has been improved in several areas, including refurbishing the ladies' toilets and the disabled toilet, installing a safe table storage facility and there are plans to do more to enhance the hall in the coming months.

The hire charges for the coming year have been reviewed and the basic rate of hire for most hirers **will not be increased**. The next review will take place in August 2024 and be applicable in September 2024 to coincide with the hall's financial year end.

HIRING CHARGES FROM 1st October 2023

PER SESSION CHARGES

Main hall (including use of main kitchen and stage)	Peggy Pike Room	Anna Clayton Room (upstairs)	Use of alcohol licence	Professional kitchen supplement	Mary Elgar Room (upstairs)
£70	£40	£25	£5	£55	£10.00

Notes:

Session times are as follows: Morning: 8 am to 1 pm; Afternoon: 1 pm to 6 pm; Evening: 6 pm to 11.45 pm. We also offer half sessions (2.5 hours), subject to availability. The main kitchen can be booked with the Peggy Pike Room if not already booked by a main hall hirer at a cost of £10. Please request when booking. For professional catering, an additional fee of £55 is payable for the kitchen. If selling alcohol (subject to the permission of our Designated Premises Supervisor), a £5 fee is payable towards the alcohol licence for both one-off and regular hirers. PA system and microphone, if personnel are available, for your use at no extra charge. Please request when booking.

BOOKING DEPOSITS & SECURITY DEPOSITS

A deposit of 30% is required on booking. This is non-refundable except in exceptional circumstances. You will be invoiced for the balance of the hire fee 6 weeks before the hire. A security deposit of £200 is payable on all one-off bookings. This will be repaid in full provided there is no damage to the hall during the hire.

DISCOUNTS

Residents of Elham Parish: 10% discount on one-off bookings.

Regular hirers: discount depends on usage, as follows:

	Very low (<10)	Low (10+)	Medium (40+)	High (60+)
% discount (highest only applies)	10	20	40	50

Please note that these discount rates are conditional on the hirer committing to using the hall for at least the number of uses for the band of discount received. Other rates may be applied at the discretion of the Management Committee.

WEDDING PACKAGE

This includes the main hall, Peggy Pike room, kitchen and bar from 15:30 on Friday to 13.00 on Sunday.

	Reception	Ceremony	Reception plus ceremony
2023 - 2024	£1,300	£150	£1,450

We ask for a £150 non-refundable deposit to secure the booking.

Please note that we will guarantee these wedding charges for bookings up to two years ahead. For bookings more than two years ahead, charges will be subject to review and may increase.

CANCELLATION POLICY FOR ALL HIRERS

We apply a sliding scale of fees in the event of cancellation. These apply to the balance of the hiring fee or your hire charge in the case of regular hirers.

Within one month of your hire - 25% of the hiring fee.

Within two weeks of your hire - 50% of the hiring fee.

Less than a week - no refund will be given.

Please note that if you do not show up for your hire but do not tell us you are still liable for payment and you will be invoiced accordingly.

Elham Village Hall Association News

Membership And Elham Village Hall

You may recall that, in the past, we have asked residents to support our hall by becoming members and making a financial donation towards the upkeep. As a benefit our members have been entitled to a 10% discount when booking the hall.



In the current climate we are aware that many folks are experiencing financial hardship, so we are no longer asking you to become a member but have instead extended the 10% discount to everyone who lives in the parish of Elham.

Whilst your donation to the Hall is always welcome, we think it very important that the Village Hall is viewed as inclusive for everyone, not just those able to pay membership. The Sports Club, in this vein, has also opened court number two for free use at the weekends so the facility can be enjoyed by everyone.

If you visit the Hall, you will see evidence of a lot going on - the Community Shed site has made progress (see article elsewhere in this Newsletter) whilst inside, the foyer is half painted and is beginning to look very smart. The main hall also has a fresh coat of paint, and the gardens are trimmed and ready for the spring growth. We have plans for further improvements in the coming months so watch this space.

You can support the Village Hall by attending one (or all) of our events.. Why not come along to one of our volunteer days which are always fun, and we provide lunch!

Should you wish to make a financial donation our bank details are as follows:

Elham Village Hall Association Ltd. : Sort Code 09-01-52

Account number 13698706.

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Signed.....

Date.....Email

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Jan Stanyon Chair

Elham Village Hall News

Many hands make... Elham Village Hall work better!

On Saturday 20th April 10.00 - 4.00pm you are invited to the

Volunteers' Day at the Village Hall

to give the hall and garden a spring spruce up.

Many different jobs need to be done in order that your Village Hall stays the attractive facility that it is. Please join us for all or part of the day.

Coffee, cake and lunch is provided.

Whatever your skills, your contribution of time will be most welcome.

Just turn up at the hall... dress strictly 'working gear'

Elham Village Hall Committee



TOOL SHARPENING DAY

Bring along your shears and spades etc. and have them sharpened. Prices vary according to condition of item.

COFFEE AND CAKE

Available for purchase

SUNDAY 28th April

10.00 - 1.00pm

at Elham Village hall



More details on pricing on page 21

ELHAM VILLAGE HALL

130 CLUB Winners

FEBRUARY DRAW

1st Prize (£32) Number 111 Hugh Carson

2nd Prize (£20) Number 44 Patricia Turner

3rd Prize (£13) Number 19 Ingrid Goodchild

If you would like to take part, please contact Martin Turner
01303 840804 / jgt867@aol.com

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Observations

Where is this in

Elham?

Answer on page 27



LOCAL NEWS



County Councillor's report Elham April 2024



The KCC budget was agreed at a full day meeting of the County Council on 19 February. The papers for the meeting and a webcast of the debate are on the KCC website www.kent.gov.uk KCC's share of your council tax bill will rise by 5% and this funds increased spending on adult social care, children in care and home to school transport in line with demand. If anyone is in financial difficulties in paying their council tax there are several schemes in place to help – *Kent Together* is a good place to start and you'll find a link at www.kent.gov.uk or ring 03000 41 92 92.

KCC has launched a Biodiversity Net Gain Site Register for Kent. Since 12 February all developments with over ten houses are required to deliver a 10% increase in biodiversity. The aim is for this improvement to be delivered on the site itself but if this is impractical then the site register will provide a pipeline of suitable land to deliver this commitment. The Making Space for Nature Kent website has more details on this.

I attended the Parish Council meeting on 04 March where I reported on the KCC budget and we discussed KCC's efforts to get the Government and other stakeholders to make preparations for the proposed introduction of the new EU Entry Exit System (EES) from 06 October 2024. Traffic modelling shows a worst-case scenario of delays of up to 14 hours at the ports and Eurotunnel once EES is in place. It should be possible to register in advance but this needs legal changes. Eurotunnel has invested 80m euros to prepare its terminals to reduce the impact of the new requirements and the Levelling Up grant won last year by KCC for works at Dover Port should also help (though this is presently held up by a legal challenge). More also needs to be done on facilities for freight and this will not happen without Government funding. A report on this issue went to KCC's Environment and Transport Cabinet Committee on 07 March and you can read this and watch the debate on the KCC website www.kent.gov.uk

Another ongoing campaign is the one to restore the Kent stops for Eurostar services. There is a petition on this which has reached nearly 50,000 signatures. If you'd like to support it you can sign the [online petition](#). KCC has also surveyed Kent businesses and found strong support for the reintroduction of the Kent stops. I know Damian Green MP, Ashford Borough Council and KCC are all involved in the campaign to persuade Eurostar to restore the services.

Do please keep reporting potholes preferably on the KCC website or to 03000 41 81 81. Nearly 60,000 potholes were repaired on Kent's roads between April and December 2023 and the work continues. The Government has allocated Kent £135m of additional funding over the next 11 years for road repairs. £8.6m of this will be spent between March and October this year. This is on top of the £50m in KCC's own road and footway maintenance budget.

Susan Carey,
Member for Elham Valley, Kent County Council

Jamming Sessions

Acoustic Music Collective!



Do you enjoy making and playing music with other people? There are no expectations of virtuosity, just an appetite for playing a musical instrument with others. Why not join in with whatever instruments you play with a suggestion of tunes that you can share?

We meet on Tuesday evenings in the Anna Clayton Room upstairs in the Village Hall, from 7.30pm. For more information and confirmation of your joining us please ring me on 01303 840295 or 07850072108. Jim Clements

LOCAL NEWS

District Council News

Life as a district councillor remains as varied as ever. In this report I am going to focus on the environment.

One part of my role consists of responding to events as they unfold, and that means being prepared for the unexpected. By the time you read this the weather will (hopefully) be a lot drier and warmer, but it will not have escaped your notice that we have had an awful lot of rain this winter. Indeed, by all accounts 2023-24 has been the wettest winter for over a century and this has caused problems and tested the infrastructure across the district.

One major challenge has been draining rainwater out of Romney Marsh. Keeping drainage ditches in good condition and free from obstructions is really important. Seeing that pumping stations are well maintained and running properly is also vital. Costs have gone up dramatically in recent years, partly due to rising utility bills which makes the pumps and machinery more expensive to run. The Council has to pay considerable sums in special levies for drainage services and this can only be funded out of council tax which is a considerable burden.

The rain has also caused quite a few cliff falls recently. The area along the Leas and behind Sunny Sands in Folkestone is made up of a combination of medium to coarse grained sand and weakly cemented sandstones known as the Folkestone Formation. Shallow landslips happen quite often but have been particularly common this February and March. This may well be the result of water building up in sandstone making it heavier and less stable. The weakening of the cliff caused by trees which have been battered by high winds could be another factor. The results can be seen along Remembrance Road which leads up to the Leas from the harbour area where the bank has collapsed several times. It is also the reason why Madeira Walk along the Lower Leas had to be closed. Unfortunately, it may be quite a while before these areas can be safely reopened.

It is impossible to say that specific weather events are due to climate change but what is happening locally certainly seems to fit into a wider global pattern. This means that reducing carbon emissions and protecting and enhancing biodiversity are all the more urgent. It is heartening to report that the Council has recently received and considered a wide range of innovative applications to the Green Business Grant scheme. This scheme has been funded by the Council to help small businesses reduce their carbon footprint, enhance energy efficiency, and ultimately save on operational costs. As well as heat pumps, solar panels and LED lighting there have been proposals to cover a roof in gravel and modifications to a cooling water system which will save thousands of litres of water.

The Green Business Grant Scheme is now closed but the Rural England Prosperity Fund provides another source of finance. As a result of central government funding, the Council now has £350,000 available over the next few years to provide grants for both businesses and community projects in rural locations. Unsurprisingly, Elham qualifies as a rural area and hopefully some of the money from this fund will soon be bringing benefits to the village.

The final piece of positive news is that children from Elham Primary School recently joined pupils from Sellindge and Churchill Primary in Hawkinge for the launch of a new environmental initiative – the Schools Sustainability Project. This is a trial project which aims to raise awareness of local environmental issues and support pupils from participating schools to take practical action to improve their surroundings. The deeper purpose is to illustrate how children of all ages have a ‘voice’ in shaping the world around them. I will be reporting later in the year about what the children have achieved and what we have learnt from the project.

Councillor Stephen Scoffham

DON'TS FOR WIVES was a self-help book written by Blanche Ebbutt in 1913

Don't be slavishly wedded to the 'dinner for dinner' principle in entertaining. If you are, you must, of course, refuse all invitations that you cannot return in kind. But, after all, your friends are not really starving and if some other form of entertaining suits you better, why be so hide-bound? Friendship is not a matter of bargaining.

Editor



Railway Museum
THE ELHAM VALLEY
LINE TRUST
Countryside & Craft Centre

EASTER BUNNY HUNT
29th March to 1st April.

Come and find the picture clues around the site to complete the hidden phrase to win an Easter Surprise.

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Abbreviated draft minutes of the Ordinary meeting of the Parish Council on 4th March 2024.

Those Present: Councillors: K Lamb (Chair), C Chapman (Vice), G Clements, B Swan, S Peall, no members of the public and Clerk. Apologies: Cllr K Allen – received and accepted.

Minutes of meeting.

- 1.Resolved: The minutes of the Ordinary meeting of the Parish Council of 5th February 2024 were approved and were signed as a true record by the Chairman of meeting.
- 2.Resolved: The minutes of the Communities and Amenities Committee meeting of 12th February 2024 were approved and were signed as a true record by the Chairman of meeting.

Chairmans Report

There is to be a working party on 6th April to put the finishing touches to the Community Orchard. The Clerk is to send a flyer to the newsletter and interested parties.

Elham Valley Football Club won 19-0 at last weeks home match. It is wonderful to see members of the parish coming to support the home team.

C&A Committee

1.Grounds Maintenance– The revised grounds maintenance schedule was discussed; it was agreed to accept the revised schedule with the amendment to the churchyard remaining 11 cuts per season.

It was agreed to reimburse the Environment Working Group £33.98 for the purchase of bulbs for the King George V.

2.Church wall – We are waiting to receive tenders from contractors, once received these will be discussed by full Council.

3.The Gore– It was discussed and agreed that Harwoods would be instructed for the purpose of Building Control at the cost of £1250.00.

4.Burial Ground

i) It was agreed that discussing the quotations received for the works to the trees to the burial ground and allotments would be deferred until the Ordinary meeting of the Parish Council in April.

ii) The memorial application for RPG 335 was considered and agreed.

Trees

It was agreed that the Tree Warden would review the quotation for the Negative Survey and Full Survey and report back to full Council at the Ordinary meeting of the Parish Council in April.

Polices

1.The Freedom of Information and Publication scheme was reviewed and re-adoption agreed.

2.The Risk Management Register was reviewed and re-adoption agreed.

3.The Tree Management Policy was reviewed and re-adoption agreed.

4.The Communications Procedure was reviewed and re-adoption agreed.

5.The Complaints Procedure was reviewed and re-adoption agreed.

Risk Assessments

1.The risk assessment for The Gore was reviewed and re-adoption agreed.

2.The risk assessment for the Well was reviewed and re-adoption agreed.

3.The risk assessment for the War Memorial was reviewed and re-adoption agreed.

4.The risk assessment for the Burial Ground was reviewed and re-adoption agreed.

5.The risk assessment for King George V was reviewed and re-adoption agreed.

6.The risk assessment for Churchyard was reviewed and re-adoption agreed.



ELHAM PARISH COUNCIL

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...cont/ Abbreviated draft minutes of the Ordinary meeting of the Parish Council on 4th March 2024.



Planning

1.To note the receipt of applications and agreed comments:

24/0138/FH/PA- Mount Lodge, Mount Bottom, Elham, Canterbury, CT4 6UJ- Determination as to whether the prior approval of the Local Planning Authority is required under Schedule 2, Part 6 of the Town and Country Planning (General Permitted Development) (England) Order 2015 for the erection of an agricultural store. Resolved: Comments of the Council were: Elham Parish Council believe that this application doesn't fall under Permitted Development, Schedule 2, Part 6 of Town & Country Planning 2015 and therefore would suggest full planning permission is required.

23/1313/FH - Hunters Lodge, Magpie Lane, Rhodes Minnis, Canterbury, CT4 6XP- Proposal: Erection of two bay carriage house 6m x 5.4m. Resolved: No Objection.

23/1873/FH - The Old Vicarage, Vicarage Lane, Elham, Canterbury, CT4 6TT - Listed building consent for changes to the fenestration to the east elevation to include railings to the flat roof at the north end, a new external staircase, new French doors and windows and replacement of existing windows, minor changes to the fenestration of the north extension to provide opening casements, relocation of the boiler flue, replacement of the existing windows. Resolved: No Objection.

2. There were no applications received since the agenda was published.

3. Decisions made by Folkestone and Hythe District Council were received and noted:

23/1734/FH - Kings Arms, The Square, Elham, CT4 6TJ - Retrospective planning application for works to raise the ground levels in the existing garden – Approved.

Annual Meetings

1. It was agreed the Annual meeting of the Parish Council will convene following the below on Monday 13th May 2024.

2. It was agreed that the Annual meeting of the Parish will convene at 6.30pm on Monday 13th May 2024.

Date of next meeting and Close

The next meeting of the Parish Council will be on Monday 8th April 2024 at 7.30pm. There being no further business the meeting closed at 9.20pm.



LOCAL NEWS

FOAM-FREE FLOWER ARRANGING

**THURSDAY 9th MAY at 2.30
p.m.
in St Mary's Church, Elham.**

Provisionally keep this date free for a demonstration on arranging flowers without using oasis. All flower arrangers are being encouraged to find alternative ways of flower arranging.

This is your chance to find out how to go about it. Pat Webb and Maggie Newington asked Nicky and Clare if they would kindly agree to come and show us ingenious ways of doing this. It will be a fun and most interesting and informative meeting.

We hope that members of St Mary's Church Flower Arrangers and Elham Gardening Society will be able to come, as well as anyone else who is interested in finding out more about oasis-free flower arrangements.

Tea/coffee and cake will be served at some point during the demonstration. Donations towards costs would be welcome. Thank you.



OPEN GARDENS -TEAS

SATURDAY 8TH JUNE and SUNDAY 9TH JUNE

The Open Gardens Teas are being held at The Old Vicarage, with huge thanks to the new owners, Virginie and Jean-Louis Barrois. It may seem rather early to be recruiting my team, but the early bird catches the worm, as they say.

In order to provide tea and cakes for the masses from 2:00 to 4:30 on both Saturday and Sunday, a small army of helpers is essential. If you could spare just one hour (or more) helping out on any of the following, I would be eternally grateful: -

Man the tea and coffee urns, serve cakes, clear tables, and of course to wash and dry up. I also need 2 cashiers and someone to fashion 8 posies of flowers for the tables.

Please consider joining in this lovely village occasion in a glorious setting, enjoying good company (and maybe the odd slice of cake!).

Let me know NOW – don't leave it until June – so I can plan a rota of helpers. Let me know whether Saturday or Sunday is better for you, and what you would be happy to help with. Please contact me NOW on bathow50@btinternet.com or 840720.

Many thanks

Barbara Athow.



Elham Gardening Society

Spring Show
Seed & Plant Swap

Elham Village Hall

Sat 6th April

Show Opens 2.00 pm

Schedules & Entry Forms on Website

Cakes & Plants for Sale

Raffle

Show Entry £2

Further Information 01303 840276




I think we all need to develop webbed feet - it really has been a very difficult month with some sunshine but SO MUCH RAIN. Most gardens, however, are looking lovely with lots of colour and the spring plants enjoying the mildness and moisture. The speaker at the meeting on 15th February was Chris Lane, holder of the National Collection of Witch Hazels. These are most beautiful plants but are not generally seen in this area as the soil is not suitable. Chris described and gave us the names of lots of gorgeous varieties of this lovely plant - he was listened to by a large audience. We are looking forward to seeing lots of you at the Spring Show on 6th April - you still have time to make up your minds about entries but don't delay too long. DO have a go - it's so much more interesting when you have a stake in the results! The speaker at the meeting on 18th April will be Steve Edney who will talk about the wonderful family of Salvias - don't miss it. Guests and new members are always welcome at any events: regular meetings are held in the Peggy Pike Room of the Village Hall on the third Thursday of the month.

Frances Horton - 840550.

2024 Programme Elham Gardening Society
Evening Meetings 7.30 pm Peggy Pike Room or Zoom

Special Events			
April 6 Spring Show, Seed/Plant Swap	Jan 18	Philip Oostenbrink <u>Walmer Castle Gardens</u>	July 18 Clive Nuttman Kent Chalk Grasslands – Our Rainforest
June 8/9 Open Gardens	Feb 15	Chris Lane The National Witch Hazel Collection	Aug 15 Jane Scotchmer "How Artists & Garden Designers lead us up the Garden Path"
July 27 Summer Show	Mar 21	Jim Buttress Britain in Bloom	Sept 19 Jacqueline Aviolet Asters (<u>Symphytichums</u>)
Sept Annual Tour Departing 8 Sept	Apr 18	Steve Edney Salvias	Oct 17 Ed Flint Autumn Sown Annuals
Oct 5 Bulb Sale & Coffee Morning	May 16	Linda Stewart's Garden Visit 5pm, including Coffee & Cake	Nov 21 Doug Stewart The New Way to Garden Zoom Meeting
Nov 8 Annual Dinner	June 20	Kevin Toohar Growing in a Changing Climate	Dec 13 AGM & Christmas Party (Note – Friday)



ROYAL BRITISH LEGION
ELHAM VALLEY BRANCH
**SPRING
COFFEE MORNING**

Saturday 13th April
1030 - 1230
At St Mary's Church Hall Elham

Come and enjoy some Refreshments and Fellowship.

Cake stall and Raffle

Free entry and refreshments; Retiring collection



Come and enjoy the size, smell and enchantment of

Miniature Steam Engines on the 13th and 14th April.

Ride behind steam on the Miniature Railway (weather and engine permitting)

Open every weekend and Bank Holiday from 10m to 4pm from 16th March to end of November. Events throughout the year. Please visit www.elhamvalleylinetrust.org and/or www.facebook.com/ElhamValleyLineTrust.Official for more details.

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**APRIL
WORDSEARCH**

How do you measure up to this challenge?

Find the measurement terms in this wordsearch.

- horsepower bushel
- byte calorie
- centimetre chain
- decade degree
- nanosecond perch pint
- rod stone tonne
- watt kilogram knot
- league furlong hand

CHURCH PAGES

Dear Friends,

Archbishop Desmond Tutu wrote : *'Goodness is stronger than evil. Love is stronger than hate. Light is stronger than darkness. Life is stronger than death. Victory is ours through Him who loved us'*

All of the major religions of the world have, at their heart, a recognition of the titanic battle that rages between good and evil. In some religions, this is acted out through mythical or actual battles, in others it is an internal battle that goes on in individual hearts. But in Christianity, it is God Himself who fights the battle with us and for us.

Central and unique to the Christian faith is the understanding that God Himself came to earth in the person of Jesus, who demonstrated the undefeatable power of God's love, and His eternal gift of life, through his death and resurrection.

Our faith is challenged by the violence and the hatred that we see and hear around us. Anger and greed and worldly power pervade our lives and our communities. We struggle to make sense of the scenes from around the world that we see on our screens. Evil, hatred, darkness and death seem to be on the rise.

But the message of Easter is one of hope. In Jesus, God showed us, once and for all that Goodness is stronger than Evil, Love is stronger than Hate. Life is stronger than death. Through the Spirit of God we receive strength and confidence to choose God's way of living and to turn away from all that seeks to divide us from others. We do have a choice not to slander our neighbours and friends, we do have a choice to forgive when we have been wronged, we do have a choice not to seek for worldly power, we do have a choice to seek harmony and peace, not division.

Living in the light of Easter may not give us the kind of power that could change what we see raging between the nations of the world but, through our own small acts of sacrifice, forgiveness and love, we do have power to contribute to the transformation of ourselves, our families and our communities. The Swiss Theologian Karl Baarh wrote: 'Do not allow any of us to remain apathetic or indifferent to the wondrous glory of Easter but let the light of our risen Lord reach every corner of our dull hearts'.

Peter Le Feuvre

Please visit our website for information about our churches, services & events

www.elhamvalleygroupofchurches.co.uk

APRIL 2024

St Mary's (open daily 9-5):

7th 8am – Holy Communion or Service of the Word

14th 9.30am – Eucharist

21st 9.30am – Service of the Word

28th 9.30am – Eucharist

Methodist Church: (at 9.30am unless otherwise stated)

7th 10.15am United Service at Rhodes Minnis

14th 10.15am United Service Hugh Burnham

21st Ralph Bradshaw

28th Local arrangement

Churches Together in Elham

Prayer meeting in the **Methodist Hall**, open to all persons of any denomination or none. Bi-monthly, on a **Saturday morning, at 8 am**, half an hour of prayer followed by breakfast at **8.30** (please let David Whitethread know if you are coming – 840650 or 07961053335).

The next Prayer Breakfast is **6th April**. All welcome, come and join us.

Coffee & Cake morning – Mondays, 1030 to 1200.

Next **Prayer Meeting – 4th April**, then every first **Thursday** of each month

CHURCH PAGES

Deanery Confirmation Service

This will be held on *Sunday 29th September 2024*
at *All Soul's, Cheriton*

A preparatory course will be taking place later in the year – do let me know if anyone is interested in being confirmed. Rev Sharon – 07873316492



The Orsay Quartet

MOZART
Piano Quartet No.2 in Eb Major KV493

CHOPIN
Piano Trio No.8 in G Minor

Sunday 28th April 2024 3pm

St Mary the Virgin
Church
Vicarage Lane
Elham
Canterbury
CT4 6TT

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Conductor: David Flood
Tilly Green • Greg Tassell • Ben Bevan

Saturday 13th April 2024, 7.30 p.m.

Nye Hall

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Elham Farmers' Market And Scarecrows

June is just round the corner and the Elham Farmers' Market committee are busy planning our summer Elham Food & Craft Festival on **Sunday 9 June**.

We hope that many villagers, whether young or just young at heart, will once again feel inspired to create a scarecrow to brighten up the village and amuse our visitors.

The rules are few and very simple. Create a scarecrow and display it in your front garden or nearby. The theme this year is **The Weather**, because isn't this our daily obsession?

We like to prepare a map to show where the scarecrows can be seen, which is why we ask you to register yours and tell us where it will be.

- **From Saturday 18 May:**

Fill in an entry form in Elham Valley Store to register your scarecrow (this will ask for your name, address where to find the scarecrow, and whether this is an adult or child entry (up to 16 years old).

- **Sunday 19 May:**

Deadline to register your scarecrow to ensure you feature on the map

Deadline to display your scarecrow

Scarecrow trail map for visitors available from Elham Valley Store

Registration is free. The best adult and child entry will be announced on market day, Sunday 9 June, and winners will receive a certificate and small gift.

As for the market itself, traders can't wait to return to Elham and many have already booked their place! We are expecting a bumper 40 plus stalls in Elham Square and Church, from 11am to 2pm. Look out for regulars such as our very own Gatehouse Farm and Musket's Choice dog biscuits, and many new stalls too. And not to be missed, performances by the popular Pennyroyal Clog Dancers.

Sunday 9 June is also the second day of Elham Open Gardens in aid of the National Garden Scheme, and 12 gardens will be on show from 12 noon to 4.30pm.



Art commissions undertaken
in all media

Pip Hope - artist
enquiries

hairyfairyland@gmail.com



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BOOT & SPRING FAYRE
SATURDAY 27 APRIL

At Park House Animal Sanctuary
Stelling Minnis CT4 6AN
Boots from 8am (cars £7.50 / vans £10)

Entertainment with
The East Kent Piping Society
Country & Western with Dave
Gumboots Reggae Band
All I Want To Do Is Sing

Classic Cars Welcome
Hot & Cold Refreshments
Tombola - Lots of Stalls
Ample free parking
Admission by donation

KNOW YOUR NEIGHBOUR

EDDIE NELSON is known as the man who goes to table tennis at the Village Hall on Mondays and the jamming sessions on a Tuesday, even though he can't play or sing. He has agreed to be the neighbour you get to know this month.



How long have you been part of the Elham Community?	Tricia and I arrived on 1 st September 2023, having spent nine months living in France because we had sold our property in Northern Ireland. We had decided to leave the province and move permanently to be near our daughter and grandchildren.
What do you consider your greatest achievement to date?	I am the only male, as far as I am aware, to have passed 64 years old in the Nelson family, which I consider to be an achievement. This is even better than Lord Nelson, he was 47 when he died.
When were you happiest?	Apart from when I married Tricia, I think when our daughter told us she was expecting her first child was one of the happiest moments of my life. The announcement of two more over the next few years was equally happy.
What did you want to be when you were growing up?	When I was doing 'A' levels the plan was to go to university to do engineering. I didn't do well enough in my grades to get the place so I ended up at Belfast teacher training college where I trained to teach geography and sport. After a couple of years teaching in Belfast I took my skills to Zambia and spent a year in a high school in Kasama near the Tanzanian border. I learned what it was like to be the victim of racism.
What keeps you awake at night?	Our renovation of the house we bought in Elham. We have no experience of employing building contractors in England and have little idea of pricing. In Ireland we had lots of contacts and experience in renovating property there.
What is the most important lesson life has taught you?	I had a stroke in 2014 albeit minor, but it makes you realise how fragile we all are.
Which village event do you most look forward to?	Since we have only been here for six months we are not fully au fait with everything that the village has to offer. On a personal level, I go to table tennis and jamming at the Village Hall and am disappointed if I have to miss a session.
Tell us three activities that keep you busy?	We have three English pointer cross dogs and I walk them nearly every day which is a daily priority We are very involved with our three grandsons, taking them swimming, helping with the school runs and with reading and mathematics homework. We spend a lot of time in the garden, trying to make it a pleasant environment for our enjoyment.
What one change in the village would improve your life?	We come from a rural environment and dog poo is just not part of it. I am disappointed that there is so much in the village and, if people would always pick up after their dog, this change would hugely improve everybody's life.
Cat, dog or goldfish?	Molly is our eldest dog and the mother of our two pups, Rocky and Rudi. We used to always have a cat but no longer. Never had goldfish.
What is the worst job you have ever done?	Here in the UK you have the Office of National Statistics which collects data on population. In Ireland we have the Northern Ireland Statistics and Research Agency where I worked as an interviewer. This involved following up letters sent to addresses in Belfast and trying to persuade the occupants to give up an hour of their time to answer questions on a variety of topics. The work was always in the evening and I was constantly told no, with doors shut in my face. It was quite well paid but eventually I had just had enough.
Tell us a joke.	What did St Patrick say to the snakes when he drove them out of Ireland? "Are you alright in the back there?"
What would the people of Elham not know about you?	I think they know very little about me... obviously the accent gives away where we are from, but they would not know that we spent six weeks backpacking in 2015, a year after my stroke, in Chile, Peru, Bolivia, Columbia, Ecuador and the Galapagos islands. We had planned to do it earlier, so we went the following year. Fantastic experience, wonderful people and the striking thing was we never saw anyone begging or on street corners. They would be selling peanuts, fruit but never asking for a handout. Highly recommended.
Last thoughts, final word.	We are really looking forward to our first summer in Kent.



NEWS FROM ELHAM C OF E PRIMARY SCHOOL

@ the heart of the community!



It's a rich and varied life at Elham Primary School! Not just the necessary academic curriculum.

Here are a few activities from the past month or so – Willow class have been learning about the Great Fire of London and went to the Monument in London to see where it started and staged



a wonderful recreation in the playground; Forest School saw stick



men being carved and nesting boxes being deployed; the Environment after school club built a bug hotel; Church Explorers after school club found plenty to discover in our beautiful Parish Church ; and year 6 polished up their cooking skills.

Never a dull moment! Trevor Gasson

Elham Village Hall News

Many hands make ...
Elham Village Hall
work better!



On **Saturday 20th April** you are invited to the **Volunteers' Day** at the Village Hall to give the hall and garden a 'spring spruce up'.

Many different jobs need to be done in order that your village hall stays the attractive facility that it is. Please join us for all or part of the day. Coffee, cake and lunch is provided. Whatever your skills, your contribution of time will be most welcome. Just turn up at the hall... dress strictly 'working gear'.

Elham Village Hall Committee



TOOL SHARPENING DAY

Bring along your shears and spades etc. and have them sharpened. Prices vary according to condition of item.

COFFEE AND CAKE

Available for purchase

SUNDAY 28th April

10.00 - 1.00pm

at Elham Village hall



This is a Community Shed **FUND RAISING** day. Bring your tools for sharpening, or just turn up for coffee and cake. Dog walkers particularly welcomed! Be part of it!

Price guide for sharpening items: Small kitchen knives - 3 for £10.00
Hobby knives £5 - £10.00 Secateurs £5.00 Shears / loppers £5.00
Axes £5 - £10.00 Carving Axe £7.50 - £12.00

ELHAM VILLAGE HALL 130 CLUB Winners FEBRUARY DRAW

1st Prize (£32) Number 111 Hugh Carson

2nd Prize (£20) Number 44 Patricia Turner

3rd Prize (£13) Number 19 Ingrid Goodchild

If you would like to take part,
please contact Martin Turner
01303 840804 / jgt867@aol.com

Elham Observations

Where is this in

Elham?

Answer on page 27



ELHAM VILLAGE HALL NEWS

WINES OF THE UNEXPECTED
A wine tasting experience!

SATURDAY 2nd MARCH
at Elham Village Hall 7.00 for 7.30pm
Tickets £20 from Jan Stanyon
stanyonjan@aol.com/ 01303 840820

Early booking advised!

Ticket includes a welcoming glass of fizz, six wines with food samples. Wine commentary from Paul Boyle.
This event is organized by Elham Village Hall Association Ltd. Reg. Charity No.1024751

WINES OF THE UNEXPECTED

Saturday 2nd March

An enormous thank you to the sold-out event audience which packed the village hall for this fab event. I think it fair to say that everyone had a good time sampling a glass of fizz and eight wines with a perfect wine commentary from Paul Boyle.

There was plenty of bread and nibbles to help it all go down smoothly and the evening concluded with a bit of dancing.

An event of this sort takes a lot of organisation on the night so a big thank you to the village hall team who set up and helped clear up and to Jim, Renee and Ross who poured the wine for everyone and to Paul for sharing his wine knowledge with us all.



Jan Stanyon,
chair EVHA



.... And a
'thankyou'...

I know it is a bit after the event, now, but I wanted to thank

you and the team for organising the wine tasting event the other week. We really enjoyed having someone who knows their stuff talking us through the different wines, especially as you included some lovely wines that we wouldn't have thought about trying. We made plenty of notes and have since enjoyed a very tasty Sicilian wine and have a Greek wine on the rack waiting to be tasted next. We would never have thought about drinking wines from these areas before, so thank you! We appreciate all the work that the village hall committee does to put on events such as these for the people of the village.

A LeBaigue



Elham Community Shed News

Elham Community Shed

Progress apace! The Community Shed is at last springing into being!

22nd February



After the excavation work, the shuttering, the laying down of

hardcore and the steel reinforcing, all preparation was in place for the arrival of the poured concrete.

The delivery came on time, together with the persistent rain - just what was NOT needed, but eleven willing soggy souls set steadily to lay the concrete base for the shed... a very successful team effort. Thank you to all participants.



14th March

A DRY day dawned, the delivery arrived and the Skinners team set to work erecting the shed. Despite a minor hitch (the wrong size floor was delivered!) by the end of the day the Community Shed was up. Why not come and have a look?



19th March

The acoustic fence is due to be delivered and hopefully in place as you read this!

But there is so much more to do...both inside and outside the Community Shed before it can be officially opened for use. If you can lend a hand and help, please do not hesitate to come and take part in whatever way you can. Everyone is welcome.

This is YOUR community shed.

Jim Clements 840 295
ajcjim1904@gmail.com



LOCAL NEWS

International Womens'Day March 8th.



This picture was sent by Jane Brennan (of the early morning swimming group) taken as a celebration of International Women's Day which was March 9th 2024.

This day has been celebrated since 1909 in the U.S. In many countries, the day does not have a political aspect, It was celebrated In the 1920s in the Soviet Union, and then some other Communist countries, like China and Cuba, started celebrating this day as a holiday

for women and world peace. Since then the holiday has become more and more popular around the world.

Wikipedia

CLAIRVOYANT NIGHT WITH PAULINE MASON



Pauline has been touched with the gift of Clairvoyance since the age of twelve years, her psychic abilities have developed over the years, and she now works as an International Clairvoyant and Medium.

£17.50 Per Person

£20 on the night to those that do not book in advance.

Friday 26th April 7.30pm (doors open at 6.30pm)

Age UK lyminge, Everest Court,
Station Road, Lyminge CT18 8HQ

To book please call
01303 269602
£7.50 non-refundable deposit
£10 to be paid on the night (cash)



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SCAN ME TO DONATE

We need your help!



Cleo



Emma



Sam

Cleo, Emma and Sam, who is living with Dementia, are going to

Complete the Everest Base Camp Trek Challenge

All funds raised will go directly to Age UK Hythe, Lyminge and Ashford – to support those living with Dementia.

Climbing to Everest Base Camp is definitely a challenge not to be taken lightly, but it is an achievable one! We know we can do it especially with your support.



£30K

Our Target is to raise

Donations can be made online, through Go fund me at www.ageuk.org.uk/hythelymingeashford/
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LOCAL NEWS

 Hythe, Lyminge & Ashford
BOXFIT



Age UK Hythe, Stade St, Hythe, Kent CT21 6BD
Wednesdays - 4.45pm to 5.45pm
£6 per class 01303 269602
Age UK Lyminge, 63 Station Rd, Lyminge, Kent CT18 8HQ
Thursdays - 10am to 11am

Non-contact boxing class for people age 55+.
No experience required. Everyone is welcome, so come along and join us.

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Community

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Lyminge Bowls Club Woodland Road Lyminge CT18 8EW

Free Coaching commences
Sunday April 28th 10.00 - 12.00
includes refreshments
Equipment supplied
open to all ages from 8 years up
Just wear flat soled shoes or
trainers and comfortable clothing.



Contact
01303 863404 or 01303 862467
if you have any questions
or would like an informal chat.



Elham Valley Walkers Spring Programme



Memorable Walks to kick off 2024

Our opening walk for 2024 was in early January - a good turnout on a sunny, breezy day for a brisk walk of around 6.5 miles from Goodnestone House. Not so much long views but a ramble on flat farmland, fortunately not too muddy, passing Chillenden Mill and partly following the footsteps of Jane Austen and her brother who lived at Rowling Court (he married one of the Bridges daughters who lived at Goodnestone). We completed the walk by circuiting the Serpentine Walk on the Goodnestone Estate, taking in the Ice House and beautiful woodlands. If you wanted to explore the gentle Serpentine Walk, a map is available from the Old Dairy Cafe at Goodnestone House. The Fitzwalters Arms pub in the village is also well worth a mention.

In February, Isabel led her first walk in exemplary fashion, a smaller group this time who enjoyed Isabel's deviation of our Elham Valley North Walk 1 "Vineyard View" (https://elhamvalleywalkerscouk.files.wordpress.com/2021/06/ev_north_walk_1_download.pdf). The deviation was to walk alongside part of the mighty Nailbourne which annually takes over the side lane leading to Barham. It is quite an impressive sight for those that don't know the area. The Highways are always ready to install barriers to create a walkway for the 6-8 weeks that the lane is impassable, and it wasn't even necessary to wear wellies although walking boots were put to the test



Elham Valley Walkers Spring Programme



Date	Start	Route	Leader
Tuesday 9 th April	Elham Square, CT4 6TJ, 10am	To Acrise and Back, walk 5 of our website selection. Maybe some spring lambs en-route? 4.3 miles, 2.5 hours, Easy.	Chris Jelly 07518 163183
Sunday 21 st April	Smeeth Playing Fields Car Park, Church Road. TN25 6RX, 10am. (nearly opposite the Woolpack Inn, on road parking should the car park be in the process of being resurfaced)	An easy walk of approximately 4.3 miles in the countryside surrounding the villages of Brabourne Lees and Smeeth, nestled at the foot of The Downs. The walk incorporates fields, small woodland, country lanes and passes through an old quarry site, an area protected for ground breeding birds. There are a couple of high, but sturdy stiles, regrettably with no dog gates. Hopefully, bluebells will be out and it will not be muddy, although we pass through the fields of Bog Farm! Come and support one of our new walk leaders Nikki Allen.	Nikki Allen 07708 099149
Tuesday 7 th May	Red Lion Pub, Bridge, CT4 5AR, 10am. Parking in the village	A reasonably flat walk of 8 miles, so do come if you feel able to complete this longer walk. We head north-east towards Littlebourne, eventually joining the Elham Valley Way towards Patribourne, and passing through Bifrons Park on our return.	Ros Humphreys 07760 485382
Sunday 19 th May	The Bell Inn Pub, Shepherdswell, CT15 7LG, 10am. Street Parking	A circular walk from Shepherdswell towards Lydden and across the Lydden-Temple Ewell Nature Reserve. There are some steep hilly sections and the ground can be a little uneven, which is why this walk is considered strenuous. 6.5 miles.	Ros Humphreys 07760 485382
Tuesday 4 th June		Meet 10am, car park, Eggringe Wood, Penny Pot Lane, near Petham. Grid Ref: TR 0970 5040. Nearest postcode: CT4 7HA. Exploring the delights of Eggringe and Denge Woods, semi natural ancient woodland, holding a colony of the elusive Duke of Burgundy butterfly and including Bonsai Bank, an area of flower rich chalk grassland situated in Denge Wood, famed for orchids. Let's see what we can find!! Moderate, approx 6 miles.	Isabel Senior 07501 797017
Sunday 23 rd June		Starting from Elham Square, CT4 6TJ, at 1pm (note afternoon start time!) Taking the path to Exted, Wheelbarrow Town and onto Stelling Minnis and the windmill, where a cream tea (cash charge not included) and short tour will be available. The return to Elham is via chalk meadows and woodland. Easy, 5.5 miles.	Andy Cornford 07761 034407

VILLAGE FORUM

Dear Editor of the Elham Newsletter,
I look forward to receiving the monthly newsletter and I appreciate how much work it entails in order to produce an entertaining and informative magazine such as this.

However, I am perturbed to see that some of the articles lack the quality of reproduction which is depicted in the newsletter as a whole, they reflect badly on the efforts to produce this fine publication. In particular the Parish Council Minutes in the latest issue, although legible, this article is evidently not reproduced from an original source in a high resolution, and therefore has not printed adequately.

Without wishing to offend anyone whose efforts make a valuable contribution to the newsletter, I would hope that the quality of printing can be addressed in future issues?

Thank you and regards,
Anonymous of Elham.

Dear Anonymous of Elham

Thank you for your comments. Each month there are over 100 contributors to the Newsletter and the items for publication arrive in a variety of formats, some accessible, some not, some are lifted from websites, some are screenshots, some handwritten and some are professional artwork. As a volunteer, I do what I can to reproduce the information relevant to our community. Apologies for the fluffy text last month. My aim was to communicate the information to you.

Editor

ELHAM VALLEY STORES

We are looking for more

volunteers to work, on an occasional basis, in the Village Store.

Full training will be given.

Please contact Martin Turner (01303 840804 or jgt867@aol.com)

if you would be interested have any questions.

Elham Observations

Where is this in Elham?
These are the steps of the footpath leading up from Cullens Hill towards Tye, recently relocated. .



**MAKE
A WILL
MONTH**

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The club played for many years at The Gore – now the football pitch – before moving just up the road nearby to its present ground at Holloway Field, halfway up Park Lane hill.

The late George Palmer (much loved & missed) was the long serving president. He kindly gave Holloway to the club on a long lease, and this, together with lottery funding enabled a new pavilion and ground to be built in 1999, first matches were played in 2000.

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2024 Season – Senior cricket

The new season will start on April 21st with a friendly home match against Hythe Green and run to the end of September. Groundwork started in March and will carry on each Saturday morning up to the first game.

This year the Saturday team again play in the Kent Regional feeder league, and the Sunday team play a mixture of friendly and Sunday Kent Village league cricket. All matches are played over 40 overs.

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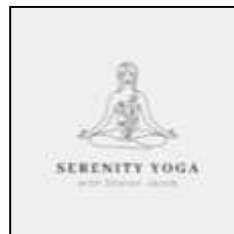
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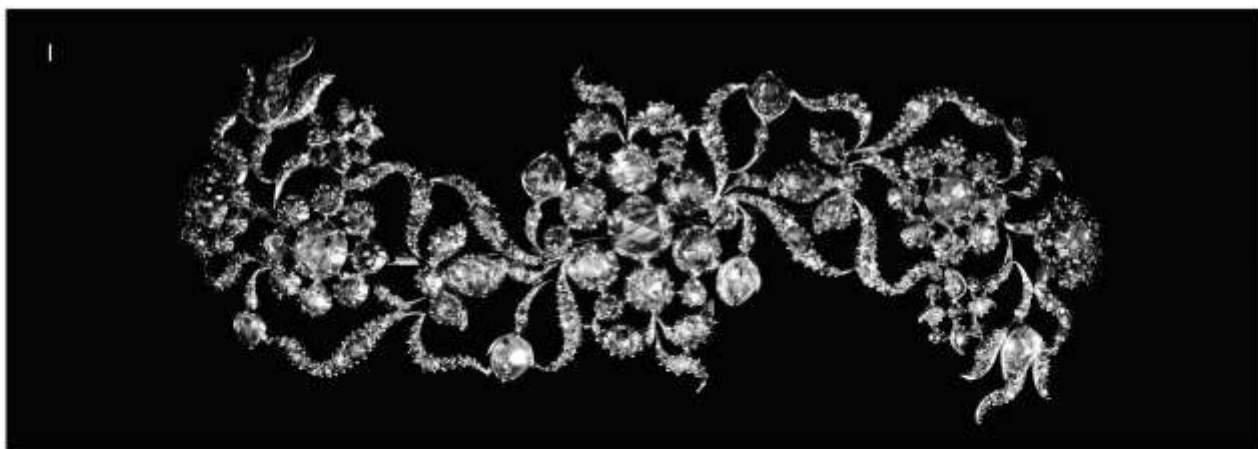
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