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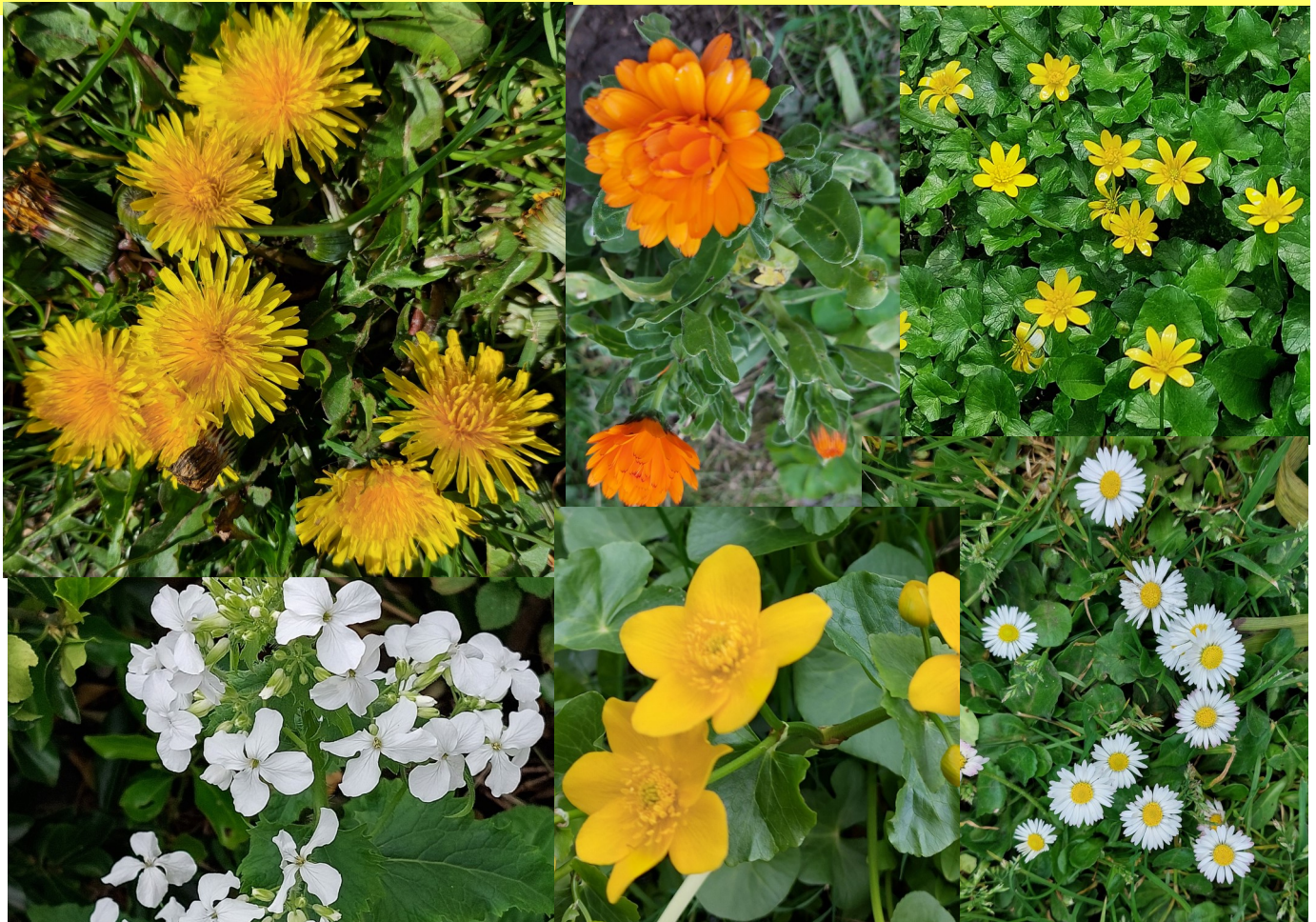
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MAY 2024



What's On, In and Around ELHAM

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Monday 6 May	May Bank Holiday				
Tuesday 7 May	Elham Valley Walkers	10.00	Red Lion, Bridge CT4 5AR	Ros Humphries 07760 485352	27



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Welcome to the Elham Newsletter May 2024

Our front cover pictures are of flowers in abundance in Elham. Are they weeds or simply plants? However you describe them, they certainly brighten the gardens and hedgerows!

Thank you to all contributors to the Elham Newsletter and of course to the people who deliver it to your door. **The EVHA is inviting all volunteers to a 'Cream Tea' on Saturday May 25th at 3.00pm at the Village Hall. If you are a newsletter distributor or have attended our Volunteering Days, please do come along and meet with other like-minded people in your community.**

If you would like to support EVHA why not attend one of the fundraising events?

We always welcome new volunteers to help distribute the Newsletter or help maintain our Village Hall. If you have an hour or so to spare each month, why not join us?

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

Editor, Renee Bull



What's On, In and Around ELHAM

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Sat 11 May	Spring Wildlife at Jumping Downs	10.30 -12.00 13.00 - 14.30	Jumping Downs	Alfie Gay 07725 466003	26
Monday 13 May	Parish Council Meeting	19.30	Elham Primary School	n/a	7
Week 11 -18 May	Register your Scarecrow	n/a	From Elham Valley Store	See advert	20
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Sunday 19 May	Elham Valley Walkers	10.00	The Bell Inn CT15 7LG	Ros Humphries 07760 485382	26
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Wed., Fri., Sat., and Sun thru'out June	South East Open Studies - ART	12.00 - 16.00	St Mary's Church Hall	See Advert	13
Sat., Sun. 8/9 June	EGS Open Gardens	All weekend	In the village	See website	20
Sunday 9 June	Elham Farmers' Market	11.00	The Square	Debbie	
Monday 10 June	Induction of new priest, Carol Bates	n/a	St Mary's Church	Peter Swain 01303 840408	12

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WHO'S WHO and WHAT'S WHERE

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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

Elham Village Hall 7.30pm on the first Wednesday of the month.

Entry on the door. £5.00

Pay Bar available from 7.00pm



Social Snacks and Cinema

Wednesday 1st May 7 for 7.30

This month we have a **Juicy** theatrical film for yo**U**r delectation and **Delight**. Come along to the cosy Pegg**Y** Pike Room at Elham Village hall to see what its all about. Entry is just £5.00 on the door. Snacks and ice creams available at the interval., the Platinum Bar opens at 7.00pm Everyone welcome!

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ELHAM PARISH COUNCIL
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Abbreviated draft minutes of the Ordinary meeting of the Parish Council on 8th April 2024.

It was **agreed** that the Vice Chair (Cllr Chapman) would preside as Chair of the meeting.

Those Present: Councillors: C Chapman (Vice), G Clements (arrived at 7.40pm), B Swan, S Peall, 9 members of the public and Clerk. **Apologies:** Cllr K Lamb (Chair) and K Allen – received and accepted.

Public Contribution : Environment Group – to introduce members and give a brief outline of current and future projects.

Minutes of meeting.

- 1. Resolved:** The minutes of the Staffing Committee of 4th March 2024 were approved and were signed as a true record by the Chair of the meeting.
- 2. Resolved:** The minutes of the Ordinary meeting of the Parish Council of 4th March 2024 were approved and were signed as a true record by the Chair of meeting.
- 3. Resolved:** The minutes of the Communities and Amenities Committee meeting of 11th March 2024 were approved and were signed as a true record by the Chairman of meeting.

Chair's Report

On behalf of the Parish Council would like to wish Cllr Kevin Lamb a speedy recovery.

Thank you to all who attended the working party on 6th April putting the finishing touches to the Community Orchard.

Planning

1. The following applications were noted, consider and comments agreed:

24/0010/FH - amended plan received - Manor Lodge, Canterbury Road, Elham, Canterbury, CT4 6UG- Demolition of detached garage and erection of detached garage/outbuilding. Alternative to that approved under 22/0800/FH. **Resolved: Should the Planning Officer be minded approving this application Elham Parish Council request that it be called in to committee. Concerns of the Council are: Loss of privacy to the neighbouring properties with the already installed larger velux windows. Should it be a business there are concerns with the access / sight lines onto the Canterbury Road.**

23/2035/FH - Single storey pitched roof extension with dormer, replacement window, doors & roof tiles – Cockpit Cottage, Cock Lane, Elham. **Resolved: No objection.**

24/0265/FH - Beverlea, Clavertye, Elham, Canterbury, CT4 6YE - Proposed flat roofed rear dormer. **Resolved: No objection.**

24/0323/FH - Cherries, Cherry Gardens, Elham, Canterbury, CT4 6SZ - Single storey front extension, revised fenestration and render, conversion of existing garage, loft space with rear dormer. **Resolved: Elham Parish Council were unable to provide an approval or objection due to the applicant making the Parish Council aware that the details on the application form are incorrect; windows are to be anthracite upvc not white upvc as stated on application for and the roof tiles were to be slate and not clay tiles as stated on the application form. The Parish Council would like to receive all amendments to allow a decision / view to be given.**

24/0342/FH - Hawes Farm Cottage, Clavertye, Elham, Canterbury, CT4 6YE - Demolition of garage and erection of a two storey side and rear extension. **Resolved: No objection.**

2. There was one application received since the agenda was published.

24/0321/FH and 24/0375/FH (Listed Building Consent) - Wise Follies, The Square, Elham, Canterbury, St Mary's Road, Elham, CT4 6TJ - Demolition of non original extensions and a single storey rear extension with internal changes. **Resolved: No objection.**

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

23/1872/FH -17 Hog Green, Elham, Canterbury, CT4 6TU - Single storey rear and side extension – **Approved with conditions.**

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 – **Refused.**

24/0066/FH - Longacre, Canterbury Road, Elham, Canterbury, CT4 6UE - Alterations and part replacement of the existing rear extension with bi-fold doors and skylight windows – **Approved with conditions.**

23/1313/FH - Hunters Lodge, Magpie Lane, Rhodes Minnis, Canterbury, CT4 6XP- Proposal: Erection of two bay carriage house 6m x 5.4m – Approved with conditions.

Y19/1378 – Methodist Church, High Street, Elham – This application will be discussed by FHDC Planning Committee on Tuesday 16th April.



ELHAM PARISH COUNCIL

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...cont/ Abbreviated draft minutes of the Ordinary meeting of the Parish Council on 8th April 2024.



Community and Amenities

1. **Church wall** – Further to a lengthy discussion regarding the quotations received, it was agreed that the Clerk would request references from all contractors prior to a decision being made. It was agreed that the Clerk would submit the planning application for the works to the Church Wall at the cost of £216.50.
2. **The Gore**– The Clerk gave an update - tender packs were being sent out and once collated there would be an agenda item for a future Ordinary meeting.
3. **Burial Ground**
 - i) Further to a lengthy discussion regarding quotations received for the tree works to the burial ground, it was **agreed** to proceed with Harmer and Sons at the price of £3894.00
 - ii) It was **agreed** that the Clerk could expend up to £100 for the repair of the tap to the burial ground.
 - iii) Application for memorial to Non Con B7 was considered and **agreed / approved**.

Environment Group - It was **agreed** that discussions regarding a bench to the herb garden in the King George V would be deferred until a future meeting of the Parish Council. The clerk is to request a price for a bench from the Fifth Trust.

Trees - It was **agreed** that a Negative Survey would be instructed including the Gore. A full survey will be carried out on all areas in 2026.



D-Day - It was agreed to defer discussions regarding D-Day until the Ordinary meeting of the Parish Council in May.

Finance

1. The Accounts from February 2024 were a **true record** and were signed by the Chairman of the meeting.
2. The Bank Reconciliation from February 2024 was a **true record** and was signed by the Chairman of the meeting.
3. It was **noted** that all Councillors received the Accounts for March 2024.
4. It was **noted** that all Councillors received the Bank Reconciliation for March 2024.
5. The March invoices were agreed, and payments were approved.
6. The amended budget was considered and **approved**.
7. It was **agreed** to transfer £22364.22 from the current account to the reserve account (total of ringfenced funds).

Correspondence - The receipt of correspondence was noted, and any required actions **agreed**.

Date of next meeting and Close - The next meeting of the Parish Council will be The Annual meeting of the Parish Council on Monday 13th May 2024 at 7.30pm. There being no further business the meeting closed at 9.03pm

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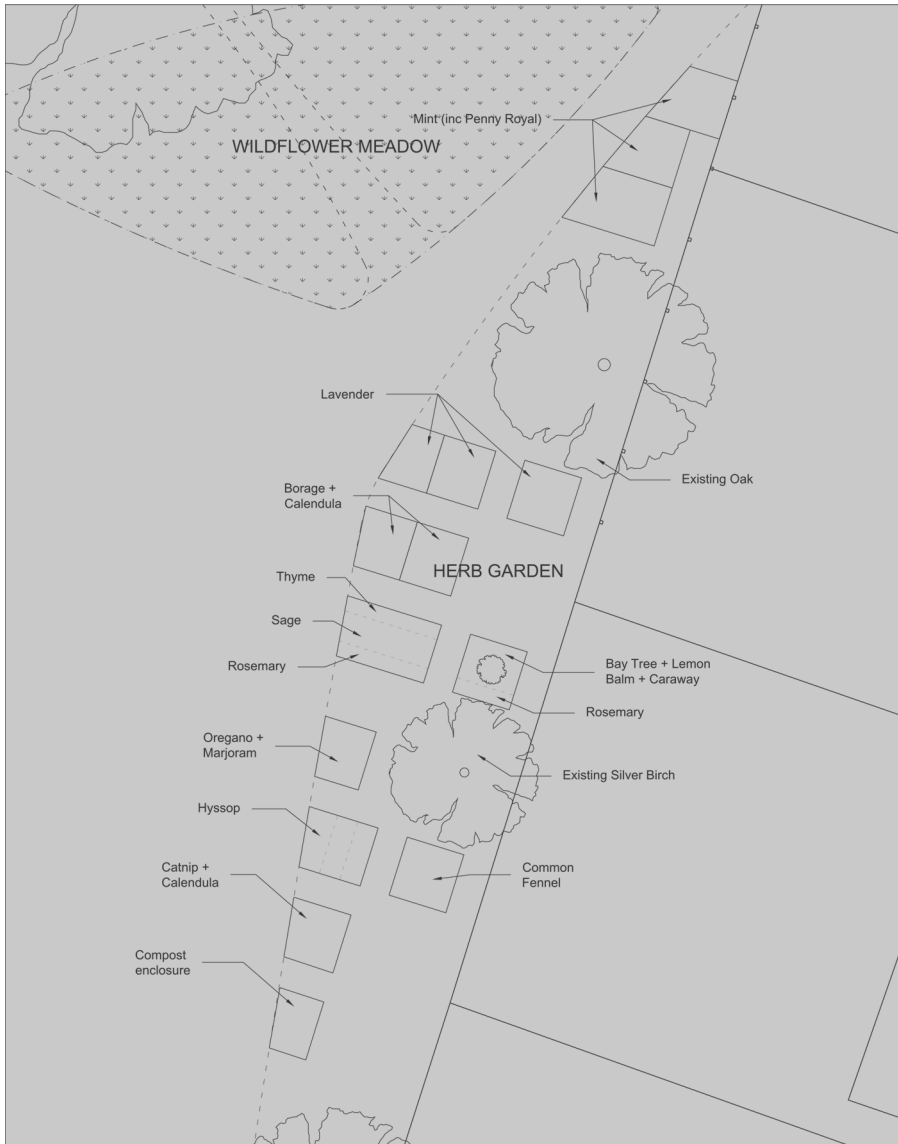


Elham Environmental Group

Whether spending time in the village's green spaces, out on the public footpaths which crisscross the parish or venturing back out to your gardens, the opportunity to spend time outside feels particularly precious this year. After another warm, wet winter, long predicted and now seemingly the norm, one can be forgiven for experiencing something like an emergence from hibernation with the advent of lighter, longer and (hopefully!) drier days.



Spring is springing in the King George V playing field. The bulb area, planted in December with the help of Year 6 students and teachers from the primary school, was showing a host of daffodils and snake's head fritillaries in April. Still emerging, and showing by the time you read this, are the alliums and bluebells. As these are all naturalising plants, we hope this area will become more and more colourful with each spring.



Our herb garden is now in its third year, and we continue to maintain it on a regular basis – you'll find it in the north-east corner of the playing field. The herbs are at their best at the moment - fresh, green and tasty – so please do go along and help yourself to fennel, rosemary, sage, thyme, marjoram and many more!

And the first wildflowers are showing in the evolving meadow area which we planted by the herb garden last year - including red campion, oxeye daisies, cranesbill and geraniums. The north end of the playing field will be full of colour through the spring and summer months and be home to a host of insect life.

Our group is still small in number, so please consider joining us if you are interested in being involved (email

burrows.chris@btinternet.com). Aside from our community group, there are many other ways to support nature in our corner of the south-east - the Kent Wildlife Trust is one of the 46 affiliated charities country-wide, membership of which supports and provides lots of great information about its many reserves and conservation programmes across Kent - www.kentwildlifetrust.org.uk.

LOCAL NEWS



County Councillor's report Elham May 2024



KCC has launched another round of SolarTogether, the collective buying scheme for solar panels and battery storage. The scheme is open to Kent homeowners and small businesses and several hundred households have already registered their interest. When we know how many people have registered their interest a reverse price auction (lowest bidder wins) is held with pre-vetted installers. Individual quotes are then sent to those who have registered. Individuals benefit from the 'bulk buying' price and the installers have a guaranteed pipeline of work which benefits them. There's a link for registration via the KCC website and the district councils in Kent are promoting the scheme.

Consultations are currently being held on Early Years Education in Kent (universal, targeted and specialist) and on the school term dates for the next three years. You'll find these at letstalk.kent.gov.uk and if you register to take part, you'll be alerted to future KCC consultations. There are also continuing opportunities to get involved in 'Making Space for Nature' which is creating a Local Nature Recovery Strategy for Kent and Medway. This is part of a nationwide effort to identify land that is important for biodiversity and how best to create wildlife corridors as well as reward landowners for their role in making space for nature.

KCC is currently very close to safe limits for the number of young people we have in our care. There is still only a voluntary system for transferring Unaccompanied Asylum-Seeking Children arriving in Kent to other local authorities to share the burden. The courts have ruled that the Government needs to put in place a better system, but they have also ruled that KCC must accept responsibility for the UASC that arrive in Kent and we cannot differentiate between care offered to them and our own citizen children. A series of homes are being set up around Kent to house the UASC and recruitment is taking place for more social workers. However, as I've reported before, the numbers involved are more than any one council can reasonably accommodate.

On 06 April I helped mulch the trees planted last autumn in the new Elham Community Orchard. All the trees have survived the winter and seem well established with some already in blossom. They may need watering later in the year (hard as this is to imagine right now).

On 10 April I met with fellow trustees of the Sir John Williams charity which supports Elham Primary School and makes grants to young people in Elham Parish towards their costs of studying at University, College or Apprenticeships. It's always a pleasure to be able to support our young people this way and to see the reports they send. Do look out for the notice that invites applications for grants from this autumn.

I was delighted that the Kings Arms has been declared the best pub in Kent at the 2024 National Pub & Bar Awards. Congratulations.

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

CHURCH PAGES

Dear Friends,

Easter's come and gone! This year it seemed to arrive very quickly and so soon after Christmas. No sooner has the baby been born, and the wise men from the East come to worship him, than we find him stretched on a cross and then we celebrate the fact that he has risen from the dead. As Christians we are Easter people and we carry the Risen Christ with us through the day, through every day. Jesus said that after he went he would send the Holy Spirit – and later this month comes Pentecost, the birthday of the Church. What does this mean for us, the ordinary people of God upon whom the Holy Spirit rests?

It means that as we meet week by week, we are part of the Church universal, the Church "spread out through all time and space and rooted in eternity, terrible as an army with banners, a spectacle which makes the boldest tempters uneasy." (CS Lewis)

Why are they uneasy? Not because of what we can do by ourselves, but because of God's "power that is at work in us". (Ephesians 3:20-21)

When David Livingstone first began his ministry in Africa, some of the native tribes opposed him. One particular warlike tribe said they were going to kill him and everyone in his party. One afternoon as they were setting up camp, word was out that these warriors had been tracking him all day, they were outside the camp and they were going to attack and kill everyone when it got dark.

They didn't attack that night. Later the tribe was brought to faith in Christ. David Livingstone asked the chief of the tribe, "Do you remember the night you were tracking my party?"

The chief said, "That's right, we were ready to attack the camp that night and kill you and everyone else."

David Livingstone asked, "Why didn't you attack?"

The chief said, "When we got close to the camp, we looked and saw 47 warriors surrounding your camp with swords in their hands."

David Livingstone was baffled. They didn't have any guards, any warriors.

However, later when he was on furlough in Scotland, he shared this story at a church that was supporting him. A man came up to him afterwards with his prayer journal. He said, "Look, I wrote it down, January 14, 1856. That night a group of men came to pray for you. We prayed for your protection. I wrote it down. There were 47 men praying that night for you."

That's our God; that's the power which can be at work in us, if we will only let him. *Mike Chinneck*

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

www.elhamvalleygroupofchurches.co.uk

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

5th 8.45am – Rogation Walk to Denton & Wootton (no service)

12th 9.30am – Service of the Word

19th 9.30am – Eucharist (see below)

26th 9.30am – Service of the Word

Methodist Church: (at 9.30am unless otherwise stated)

5th 10.15am United Service at Rhodes Minnis

12th Tim James

19th Christine Slater

26th Local arrangement

Churches Together in Elham

Prayer meetings 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 **1st June**. All welcome, come and join us.

Coffee & Cake morning – Mondays, 1030 to 1200.

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

St Mary's

We will be holding a goodbye event
for

**Ted Clarke and Graham
Ernest-Jones**

on

**Sunday the 19th of May
after the service.**

**Drinks and finger food will be
available.**

Cream Tea Afternoon

Saturday 1st June at Reast Lane Gate, Reece Lane, Acrise CT18 8LW
2-5pm – entrance £5 (includes refreshments)

Scones, cakes, drinks; plus a raffle, stalls, children's games, garden walk
Proceeds to St Martin's Church, Acrise ~ For more info 01303 844640
Ample parking, including disabled



The young and the young at heart rolling Easter eggs down Duck Street outside of St Mary's Church.
Hot cross buns, coffee and tea fuelled their athletic endeavours!

CHURCH PAGES



St Mary the Virgin, Elham

Supporting St Mary's Church, Elham Regular giving & Single donations

April 2024

St Mary's Church relies entirely for its income on regular giving, donations and fundraising within the parish. From this income we cover our running costs, and with the help of the Friends, the essential building repairs. In addition we make a contribution to the diocese for the provision of a parish priest, and we are delighted to announce that a new priest has been appointed to the parish, Revd Carol Bates, who will be inducted in St Mary's on 10 June.

For the last two years we have had to reduce our contributions to the diocese in order to remain solvent, and in keeping ourselves afloat, it is important that St Mary's is able to claim any available gift aid tax on donations. In streamlining the process of giving, our diocese has adopted the Parish Giving Scheme, which is available to individual parishes, and greatly simplifies the process of giving and reclaiming tax from HMRC.

The Parish Giving Scheme (www.parishgiving.org.uk)

The PGS is a charity administered by the C of E to assist parishes in the collection of regular giving and single donations, and reclaiming the tax as gift aid.

Elham has joined the Scheme, and most of our givers are enrolled and very happy with it.

A giver agrees to a monthly, quarterly or annual direct debit, or a single one-off donation, and their payment is made to the PGS bank account.

A single payment of the total of all the direct debits collected in a month is then paid to the St Mary's Church bank account, and with no deductions or costs.

A list of givers is provided to the church to check against its records, which remain confidential.

For taxpayers who complete a Gift Aid Declaration when signing up, an additional 25% in gift aid tax is receivable from HMRC, and a single payment for total gift aid is received into our bank account monthly, and with no need for us to make a claim.

New well-wishers supporting Elham's church are encouraged to use the PGS direct debit or single donation facility. This will mean completing an online PGS direct debit mandate and gift aid declaration. There is no minimum amount for periodic contributions. See below for details of how to sign up. However, if you are uncomfortable with this, we will remain grateful for your giving however made, and the gift aid tax will still be recovered.

Thank you for your giving, and supporting a living church in Elham.

With best wishes,

St Mary's Church Parochial Church Council. Elham.

CHURCH information and LOCAL NEWS

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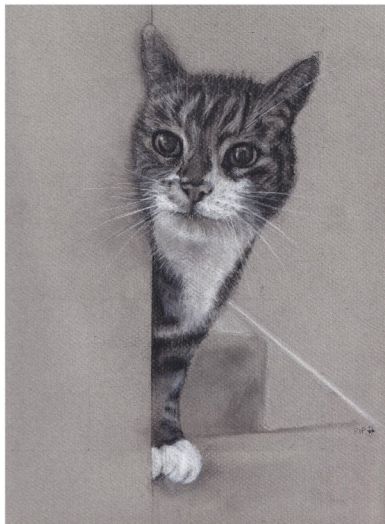


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Elham PGS code St Mary the Virgin
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In the diocese of Elham
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LOCAL NEWS



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See a NAFFI vehicle and its wares.

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Events throughout the year.

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FOLKESTONE FLOWER ARRANGERS' CLUB
70TH ANNIVERSARY DEMONSTRATION

JACQUI ARNOLD
NATIONAL DEMONSTRATOR

“IT’S PLATINUM”

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AT 3.00PM

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**MAY
WORDSEARCH**

**Here we go
gathering nuts
in May?**

**Find the nuts in
this
wordsearch?**

- acorn
- beechnut
- pecan
- almond
- brazil nut
- walnut
- butternut
- cashew
- chestnut
- cobnut
- coconut
- filbert
- conker
- monkeynut
- hazelnut
- pistachio



How to see in the night and during power cuts

Bryan Badham was the speaker at the March Friendship Lunch Club in St Mary's Church Hall. Our villager, whom so many of us rely on to resolve techy issues, came laden with various devices to help us see in the dark.

We all know how the village (one half more than the other!) suffers from regular power cuts and Bryan demonstrated how modern technology can save us falling over ourselves in the dark or during power cuts, and at little cost.

Most of these devices are available from Amazon (sadly more easily than from high street retailers).

Mains-only operated LED night lights just plug in and the PIR motion sensor gives you enough light to get out of bed to find the light switch.

Another model from Auraglow comes as mains or battery operated, with the option of a warm white or bright white light. It is a plug-in night light, portable emergency torch and power cut safety light, all rolled into one. In a power cut it will switch on automatically.

Bryan also showed some battery-only operated motion sensor LED night lights and others that are rechargeable by USB.

The final display was demonstrated by Anne and Max Laker, beanie hats incorporating a USB-rechargeable LED torch, just the thing for walking around the village on a cold night.

The near full house also enjoyed the lunch of home-made soups, cakes, cheese and bread.

Friendship lunches are held on the third Thursday of the month in St Mary's Church Hall.

Sharing food with friends, meeting new people, that's what it's all about!

Contact Sylvia Scott on 840584 or Val Swain on 840408 for further information.



Elham Observations

Where is this in Elham?

Answer on page 29

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

'Don't let your husband feel that you are a 'dear little woman', but no good intellectually. If you find yourself getting stale, wake up your brain. Let there be nothing your husband can talk about that you will be unable to understand.'

Editor

KNOW YOUR NEIGHBOUR

Sharon Jacob is known as a chihuahua-loving vegetarian yogi and wife of guitarist, Steve. She agreed to feature as the neighbour we can get to know this month.



How long have you been part of the Elham Community?	I moved here from Folkestone in August 2004 with my daughter, having left my husband of 19 years. I lived above the Cosy Tea rooms. My parents lived in Elham so I already had that connection.
What do you consider your greatest achievement to date?	I qualified as a yoga teacher 5 years ago at the age of 56. I was a civil servant before that in the Ministry of Justice.
When were you happiest?	In the long hot summers of the early 1970s when we played outside; climbing walls and fishing in the river, falling in the river, swimming in the outdoor pool, roller skating, playing tennis against the shed wall. I am still in touch with the girls that I grew up with and we often talk about those times.
What did you want to be when you were growing up?	Like a lot of girls, I wanted to be an air hostess. Perhaps I fancied, what was then perceived, the glamorous life. However, from the age of 16, all I wanted to do was become a nurse. I wanted to care for others, so my focus was training in a London hospital and getting a place there. I started my training at Charing Cross Hospital in 1982.
What keeps you awake at night?	Our house and the significant amount of work that we have been doing to refurbish it... always something to do. That is, apart from Steve snoring, of course.
What is the most important lesson life has taught you?	That it is very precious. I was diagnosed with cancer at the age of 31 and 22 years later it returned. I now live life to the full and cherish every moment.
Which village event do you most look forward to?	The Light Up Elham switch-on at Christmas. I love that view along the High Street of the trees on the houses.
Tell us three activities that keep you busy?	-My family; supporting my parents, looking after my grandchildren. There is such joy in picking them up from school and seeing the smile on their faces. -My husband... he works extremely hard and I want to make sure he has a nice meal when he gets home and I do as much to support him as I can. -My dogs. They love to walk and they love cuddles.
What one change in the village would improve your life?	I would like to see improved parking facilities. I have a drive, but I avoid taking my car into the village whenever I can. The situation is getting worse. Tankers down the road etc... something needs to change.
Cat, dog or goldfish?	Dog definitely. Steve is allergic to cats and I used to have a goldfish called Oscar.
What is the worst job you have ever done?	Working in the operating theatres in Charing Cross Hospital as a student on a two-week placement. I was assigned to dentistry and orthopaedics. It seemed all I did was pick up wisdom teeth from the floor. I remember being asked to hold onto a patient's arm that had been cut from shoulder to elbow and thinking to myself don't let go Sharon, this person will fall apart. The diathermy machine seals blood vessels together and smells like bacon cooking. Not good to do this job when you have not had breakfast.
Tell us a joke.	What is red and is bad for your teeth? A brick.
What would the people of Elham not know about you?	I am an Essex girl. As a civil servant I officiated in the House of Commons and in the House of Lords. On one occasion in the House of Lords I had forgotten my glasses... just as well that we used Font 24 for speeches.
Last thoughts, final word.	This is fairly serous. I feel very grateful to be living in the green space that is the Elham Valley.

Clinic update!

Adam and Katie the osteopaths from AK Healthcare in Lyminge, are thrilled to announce that Podiatrist Natasha Kerrigan will be joining us to offer her expert Podiatry services within our clinic.



Natasha qualified from the Leaf Hospital Brighton University in 2002 with an Honours degree in Podiatry. She has 12 years' experience in the NHS as a specialist Diabetic Podiatrist and then entered the private sector in 2014 running Earlsgate Podiatry in Folkestone.

On Tuesdays in Lyminge, Natasha is providing podiatry services from simple toenail cutting to ingrown toenail surgery and wound care.

To ask Natasha how she can help you and to make a booking, please contact her directly:

tel: 07855771890

email: info@earlsgatepodiatry.co.uk



For any other musculoskeletal problems including arthritic pain, back pain, sciatica and sports injuries (and more), please contact Adam and Katie directly on 07904311554 or email us

info@akhealthcare.org.uk



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22.5.24

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LOCAL NEWS

CALLING ALL FLOWER ARRANGERS. THURSDAY 9th MAY at 2.30 p.m. in St Mary's Church, Elham.

. The date has now been confirmed to have a demonstration on arranging flowers without using oasis on this day. 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 have arranged for Nicky and Clare to demonstrate ingenious ways of doing this. It promises to 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 arranging.

Tea/coffee and cake will be served at some point during the demonstration. Donations towards costs would be welcome. Any queries, email Pat on patgeoffelham@gmail.com. Thank you.



April has come in like a March lion with rain and gales. Our gardens, though full of spring colour have taken a beating this year - it MUST change soon!

The meeting on 21st March was a delight - Laura Brady gave us a brisk, fascinating talk on how she came to be a tenant farmer, devoting her very young life to growing vegetables. She is extremely interested in the natural foods of other countries and grows a number of exotic examples, but her main business is growing a range of really good British vegetables. Her enthusiasm and joy were

infectious, and we do plan to have a visit to her farm next year.

The Spring Show was held on 6th April. We were so lucky to have a lovely day which brought lots of people out to see what a very successful Show was. An amazingly beautiful selection of daffodils and tulips appeared in spite of the rain and wind; Farthing Common Plant Centre brought a tempting array of plants for sale; the seed and plant swap stall did well, and visitors clearly enjoyed their tea and delicious cakes. The Hall looked lovely and smelt of spring.

The big event for the future will be the Open Gardens weekend on 8th and 9th June. In association with the National Gardens Scheme, we shall have 12 gardens open to the public this time - a record number! Tickets will be on sale valid for both days; once you have your programme and map, visits to the gardens can be planned - most gardens are within walking distance of each other. And, of course, there will be teas and scrumptious homemade cakes available from 2pm in the Old Vicarage Garden where there will also be a plant stall. During the Sunday morning there will also be the Farmers' Market in The Square and refreshments available in the church. A cracking week-end - don't miss it!

The meeting on 16th May will not be in the Hall but will be a visit to Linda Stewart's Garden at 5pm. Details will be circulated to members. Frances Horton

OPEN GARDENS -TEAS SATURDAY 8TH JUNE and SUNDAY 9TH JUNE

What a response I have received to my call for help with the teas for Open Garden weekend!!! You are SO kind.

There are still a few spaces on Sunday, so if you have an hour to spare please get in touch. Hurdle one (almost) sorted - you can guess what's next - CAKES - LOTS OF THEM

I have already received several promises of cakes but need literally dozens to keep us in business over the weekend. If anyone can offer a home-bake of any sort, I shall be eternally grateful. I also want to offer gluten free and dairy free cakes this year, so if this is your forte they would be particularly welcome.

Please let me know NOW so that we can ensure a fine selection on the day. The Open Gardens Teas are being held at The Old Vicarage,

Barbara Athow bathow50@btinternet.com 01303 840720

**Elham Open Gardens
Saturday 8 & Sunday 9 June
12pm - 4.30pm**

Stroll around the streets of Elham and beyond and discover 12 beautiful gardens on Saturday 8 and Sunday 9 June.

The Elham Gardening Society is once again linking with The National Garden Scheme to open some delightful and interesting gardens to the public.

Some gardens have opened in previous years but continue to evolve and are well worth a repeat, or first, visit. Others will be ready to be discovered for the first time. Visitors won't fail to be delighted by the wide range of style and size. Nearly all the gardens are within walking distance of each other, while two are a short drive away and parking is available.

Visitors will be invited to vote for their 'People's Choice' favourite garden and the winning garden will receive the prestigious National Garden Scheme Challenge Trowel Trophy.

Ticket sales benefit medical and community projects supported by the National Garden Scheme.

The ever-popular teas and plant stall will be available both days from 2pm – 4.30pm in the picturesque Old Vicarage Garden.

To make the weekend complete, come early on Sunday to visit and shop at the Elham Summer Food & Craft Festival organised by Elham Farmers' Market in Elham Square & St Mary's Church. The market runs from 11am to 2pm. There will be church bells, 40 plus stalls, a clog dancing display, food at the Chancel Café, and scarecrows to be seen in people's front gardens too. Elham will certainly be the place to be on Saturday 8 and Sunday 9 June.

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



It's all happening in Elham on Saturday and Sunday 8 and 9 June.

Elham Open Gardens linked to the National Garden Scheme on both days, Elham Food & Craft Festival on Sunday, scarecrows displayed in people's front gardens.



Read all about it here.

Elham Summer Food & Craft Festival, Sunday 9 June

It's coming, bigger, better, not to be missed, the Elham Summer Food & Craft Festival on Sunday 9 June from 11am to 2pm.

Come to Elham Square and Church, be greeted by a peal of bells and a host of stalls, regulars and interesting new ones. Our market manager Debbie Francis has been busy successfully recruiting new traders including stalls selling dog leads, herbs and eggs, vegetables, micro greens, sauces and relishes, fruit cordials and Sri Lankan bites.

But you will also find your favourite cheeses, pies and chutneys, sourdough bread, cakes, Indian pakoras, vegan sauces, olives, smoked salmon, meat, Musket's dog biscuits, nut products and so much more. And that's just the produce side. Look out too for a host of crafts, from jewellery to scarves and cards, authors selling books, crafts and plants from the Fifth Trust, bags, Romney Marsh Wools, pottery, wood carvings.

Kent Police will have a community stall, the Pennyroyal Clog Dancers will show off their special skills, the popular raffle will be supporting Elham School and the Chancel Café will offer their usual delicious refreshments.

A visit to the market and your shopping done, you'll be ready to go and visit 12 lovely gardens in and around Elham. It's the **Elham Gardening Society Open Gardens** time again, linked to the National Garden Scheme. The gardens will be open on Saturday and Sunday 8 and 9 June, from 12 to 4.30pm and teas will be served in the Old Vicarage gardens from 2pm to 4.30pm both days.

Scarecrows

The adult and child winners of the scarecrow competition organised by Elham Farmers' Market will be announced at the market.

You will be able to start viewing them in people's front gardens from **Tuesday 21 May**. Just pick up a map from Elham Valley Store to see where to find them. If you are making a scarecrow, here are the important points:

The theme is The Weather

Register your scarecrow in Elham shop from **Saturday 11 May to Saturday 18 May**. This is free; we ask you to register so we know where to find the scarecrows for the visitor map.

Anne Leva

ELHAM
Scarecrows

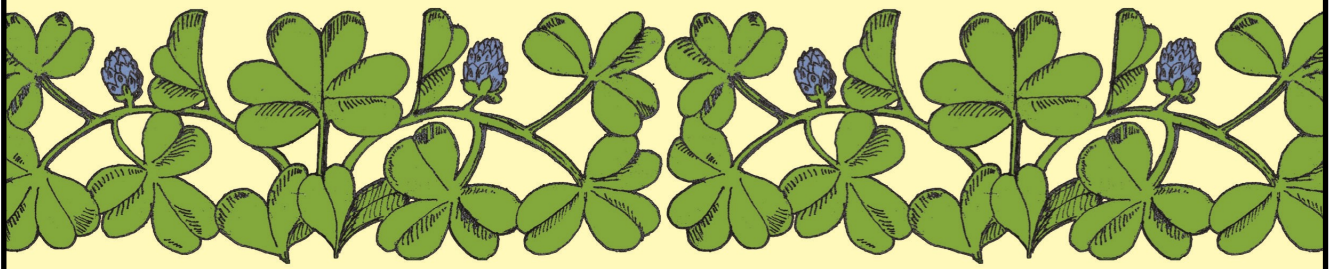
The competition is back with a **WEATHER** theme
Display yours from **Saturday 11 May**

11-18 May Register your scarecrow for **FREE** at the village shop.
21 May Maps for visitors available from shop

Winners will be announced at Elham Farmers' Market on **Sunday 9 June**

Event organised by **Elham Farmers' Market**
with the support of **Colebrook Sturrock**

For more information: Debbie Francis, Elham Farmers' Market manager,
elhamfarmersmarket@gmail.com KFMA.org.uk/elham facebook.com/elhamfarmersmarket



Elham Open Gardens

2024

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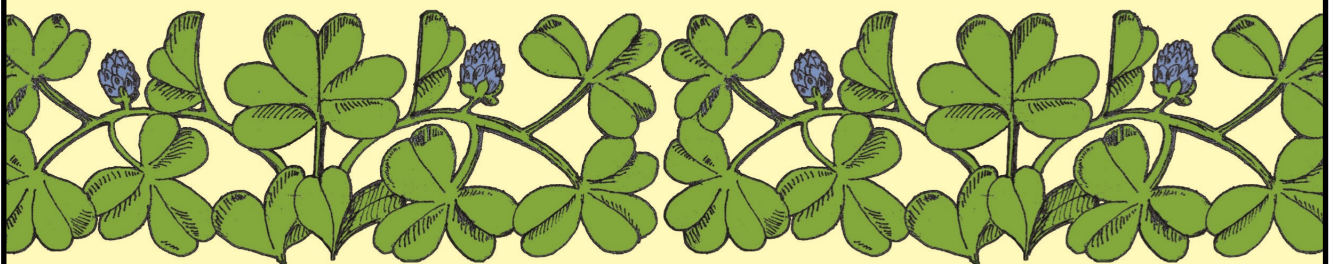
Saturday 8 June 12 noon - 4.30pm
& Sunday 9 June 12 noon - 4.30pm

Combined admission for 12 gardens

Adults £10 Children free

✱ Homemade teas 2pm - 4.30pm in the beautiful
Old Vicarage Garden with a selection of plants for sale

✱ Elham Food & Craft Festival Sunday 9 June
11am - 2pm in The Square & St Mary's Church



ELHAM VILLAGE HALL NEWS

March Quiz

A big 'thank you' to all who came and supported the bi-annual EVH quiz on 22nd March. There were over a hundred participants with a wonderful selection of suppers being shared amongst friends. We hope we offered a fun, friendly participatory quiz that was a bit of a stimulus for the grey matter.

In response to your feedback from previous quizzes, the timekeeping improved and quizzers stayed on task until the end. It is as much a challenge to the quiz team to get things right, as it is for the quizzers; the number of questions in a round, the number of rounds, the difficulty of the questions, the obscurity of the subjects.

It seemed that a good time was had by all, whether they were team players, quiz winners, raffle prize winners or booby prize winners. Our thanks also go to the members of the committee and their spouses, for their support on the night and behind the scenes. We look forward to receiving any feedback and of course your attendance at the Autumn Quiz on Friday October 18th. Jim Clements



Hot off the press!!

Coming soon.....



The trustees of Elham Village Hall are delighted to announce that we have been successful in obtaining a grant from Rural England Prosperity Fund to build a covered bicycle shelter in the car park at the Village Hall.

The trustees, past and present, are extremely proud of our facility and our environmental attributes. The number of different physical activities that take place within our premises attract people, both old and young and the provision of a bicycle shelter will enhance their user experience as they will be able to secure their bicycles in the knowledge that it will be safe and dry upon their return.

Jan Stanyon

ELHAM VILLAGE HALL NEWS



Elham Community Shed update

We keep saying it but it's really true! Every day that passes brings us closer to the opening and use of the Elham Community Shed. The truth is that this project is far more complex than putting up a little shed at the bottom of your garden...

You read in the April Newsletter that the Community Shed is now a reality, that is the structure is in place in Elham Village Hall car park. Getting this far has already required months of planning by the project group, and numerous hours of work to get this far: planning permissions,

design, build, concreting a base, working out how the shed will work for the benefit of all.

Next step was the installation of an acoustic fence between the shed and the next-door garden (involving digging three very deep holes for the posts) which should be done by the time you read this. The shed then needs to be insulated and fitted out, electricity connected and landscaping done around it. It is very much a work in progress, but progress is being made.

This is all thanks to the project committee members, many of whom double up as manpower for building, digging, landscaping, and fund raising. And here a big thank you goes to Jan Stanyon, the queen when it comes to obtaining grants to help with funding this community project.

Applause and a big thank you to all the volunteers who have and are helping. There are plenty of opportunities to get involved (and not just digging big holes). So please contact Jim Clements on 840295, ajcjm1904@gmail.com to find out more.

Anne Leva



ELHAM VILLAGE HALL 130 CLUB Winners

APRIL DRAW

- 1st Prize (£32) Number 62 Lorraine Newman
- 2nd Prize (£20) Number 67 Victoria May
- 3rd Prize (£13) Number 100 Michael Stanford-Tuck

MARCH DRAW

- 1st Prize (£32) Number 29 Maggie Tappenden
- 2nd Prize (£20) Number 47 Elaine Latham
- 3rd Prize (£13) Number 95 Bob Musson

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

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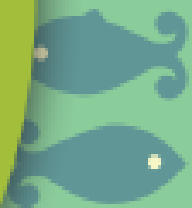
Summer food & craft festival

Sunday 9 June 11am - 2pm

VILLAGE SQUARE
& CHURCH

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OPEN GARDENS

Sat 8th &
Sun 9th June
noon - 4:30pm



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in aid of
Elham Primary
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Handmade Crafts

Scarecrow
Winners
announced



Church Bells

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Weekly Activities for May

MONDAY	Maintenance Cognitive Stimulation Therapy (MCST)	10:30am - 12:00pm
	Lyminge Knitters	1:00pm - 2:30pm
TUESDAY	Painting and Drawing	10:00am - 12:00pm
	Digital Support (02.04.24)	10:00am - 12:00pm
	Dementia Daybreak	10:00am - 2:30pm
	Seated Yoga	3:00pm - 4:00pm
WEDNESDAY	All day Breakfast	9:00am - 2:00pm
	Singing For All	11:00am - 12:00pm
THURSDAY	Boxfit (non-contact)	10:00am - 11:00am
	Streetz to Streetz (Fish & Chip Van)	11:45am - 12:30pm
	Dementia Café (09.05.24)	12:30pm - 2:30pm
FRIDAY	Pilates with Katherine	9:00am - 11:00am
	Painting and Drawing Workshop	10:00am - 12:00pm
	Maintenance Cognitive Stimulation Therapy (MCST)	10:30am - 12:00pm

Lyminge Bowls Club Woodland Road Lyminge CT18 8EW

Fun Afternoon of Bowls

Bowls England
 Big Weekend Event
Saturday May 25 at 1.30pm

From 2.00 - 5.00 there will be a 'Have a Go' fun game for all (please bring flat soled shoes)

Refreshments available
 Bar Open
 Plant Sale Tombola

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



**Elham Valley Walkers
Spring Programme**



Date	Start	Route	Leader
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

Spring wildlife at Jumping Downs

**Saturday 11th May, 10.30am to 12pm (1st walk)
and 1pm to 2.30pm (2nd walk).**

Meet at the entrance to Jumping Downs on South Barham Hill.

Join naturalist Alfie Gay for a walk across Jumping Downs to look for some of the butterflies and wildflowers that occur on this special piece of Kent countryside.

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Alfie via email (alfgkg@hotmail.com) or phone (07725 466003).

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WHITEHALL SPEAK

We all know (!) that the House of Commons has a Liaison Committee, but did we know that it has a 'subcommittee on Scrutiny of Strategic Thinking in Government'?

At a recent hearing it asked some 'experts' - 'What exactly is strategic thinking?'

Expert 1 - 'Strategic capacity is about being able to reach across 3 dimensions with clarity'.

Expert 2 - 'You need to think about evaluation and iteration of activity being embedded'.

Expert 3 ended with 'positive strategic scaffolding', and - 'We do not have any overarching strategic catalysing (sic) connection and forging collaborations with little pools of excellence'.

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And so it went on, and on. 'Risk appetite', 'fusion doctrine', 'bandwith', 'natural inflection points' etc etc.

(Quotes from Private Eye magazine).

The public chose, wisely, to stay away. Had they been there, one thought may have filled the air - 'What on earth are these madmen raving about?'

Keith Mortimer

An Opportunity

I am Ruth Simpson and have just recently moved to the village to live with my daughter Helen Sharp. I was wondering if anyone would be interested in joining an informal French conversation group? I have taught French in schools and adult education, as well as living in France for a couple of years.

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News from Elham Valley Cricket Club

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feeder league. On Sundays we play a mixture of friendly and Sunday league cricket. All matches are played over 40 overs.

We are a small but friendly village team with excellent facilities, and always keen to attract local players from Elham / Barham and the surrounds.

NEW PLAYERS ARE VERY WELCOME – ANY age or standard.

Practice nights are on Tues / Friday Evenings 6.00 – 8.00, using the nets at the ground.

We also welcome any spectators, there is ample parking available at the ground.

Junior coaching and teams

Junior coaching sessions (ages 5 – 16) at the club on Friday evenings 5.30 – 7.30pm throughout the summer from end of April until August.

We are also planning to run various age group teams depending upon numbers.

Open days / coffee mornings / quiz nights

Saturday mornings in May the ground will be open for visitors – everybody is invited to come down and chat cricket, view the ground, facilities and even have a go at some groundwork !

We are also hoping to resume our regular quiz nights at Elham Village hall so look out for forthcoming events!

For more information contacts are:

Chris Laker – secretary 01303 230035

Kav Risby – junior coaching / Saturday –
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Elham Observations

Where is this in Elham? This is the stanchion at the top of the zip wire in King George V Playing Field.





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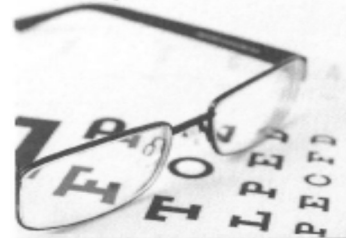
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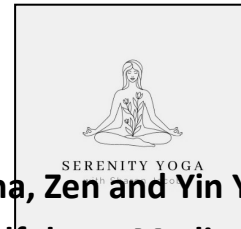
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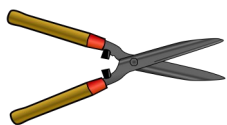
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