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Sort Code: 09- 01- 52
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What's On, In and Around ELHAM

Date	Event	Time	Location	Contact	Page
Tuesday 11/8/15/22/29	Elham Community Shed Coffee Morning	10.00 - 12.00	The Shed, Elham Village Hall	elhamshed@gmail.com	24
Wednesday 2 Sept	Social Snacks and Cinema	19.00 for 19.30	Peggy Pike Room Elham Village Hall	Jan Stanyon 01303 840820	4
Thursday 3/10/17/24/31 Sept	Elham Community Shed	10.00 - 16.00	The Shed, Elham Village Hall	elhamshed@gmail.com	24
Friday 5 Sept	Elham Historical Society Talk	19.00 for 19.30	Elham Village Hall	See website	20
Saturday 6/13/20/27 Sept	Elham Community Shed	10.00 - 12.00	The Shed, Elham Village Hall	elhamshed@gmail.com	24
Saturday 6 Sept	'Village Life' Film	17.30	Elham Village Hall	See Poster	4/40
Tuesday 8 Sept	Elham Valley Walkers	10.00	From Bishopsbourne Church	Isobel Senior 07501 797017	30
Wednesday 17 and 24	Age UK Singing for All	11.30-12.30	Methodist Church Lyminge	See Poster	27
Thursday 18 Sept	Friendship Lunch	12.30	St Mary's Church Hall	Sylvia Scott	n/a
Thursday 18 Sept	Elham Gardening Society Talk	19.30	Peggy Pike Room EVH	See website	18
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Thursday 25 Sept	Friends of St Mary's AGM	18.30	St Mary's Church	See Poster	13
Friday 26 Sept	MacMillan Coffee Morning	10.00 –12.00	Lyminge Methodist Church	See Poster	17
Sat,27/ Sun.28	EVLT Traditional Apple Pressing	10.00 –16.00	EVLT Peene	See Poster	20
Sunday 28 Sept	Elham Valley Walkers	10.00	From Farthing Common CT18 8DH	Andrew Cornford 07761 034407	30
Sunday 28 Sept	Final Date for Application for Sir John Williams Trust	n/a		01303 840440	23
Saturday 4 October	Elham Gardening Society Bulb Sale and Coffee Morning	10.00-15.00	Elham Village Hall	See website	6
Sunday 5 October	St Mary's Church Harvest Lunch	12.30 for 13.00	St Mary's Church	See Poster	17
Saturday 11 Oct	Royal British Legion Coffee Morning	10.00 -12.30	St Mary's Church Hall Elham	See Poster	17
Friday 24 October	EVHA Autumn Quiz	19.00 for 19.15	Elham Village Hall	See Poster	6/40
Saturday 25 October	Invictor Wind Orchestra	19.00	Valley Methodist Church Lyminge	Christine 01303 863049	17
Friday 31 October	Halloween Disco and Parade	n/a	Elham Village Hall	See Poster	40

Welcome to the Elham Newsletter - September 2025

The Elham Village Hall Committee has not taken a break in August, even though there was no Newsletter. There are plans now in place for the usual village events which we hope you will attend and contribute to the community of Elham. Our thanks go to Maggie Tappenden who is the Village Hall Co-ordinator who ensures that our Village Hall hirers come back! If you have favourite landscape photographs that you would like to share, please do send them to elhamnewsletter@gmail.com, or indeed any item of interest or concern. This is your community's newsletter. Be part of it!

Renee Bull Editor

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Elham Village Hall Association News

The perfect venue for every occasion
ELHAM VILLAGE HALL



Situated in the beautiful Elham Valley, our modern village hall offers convenient and flexible facilities. Ideal for small or large occasions, happy or sad, from business meetings to christenings, wakes, birthday parties and weddings.

Approved by Kent County Council as a venue for the solemnisation of civil marriages and the formation of civil partnerships.

Take a look at our website: www.elhamvillagehall.co.uk

Contact **Maggie Tappenden** tel 01303 862467 mob 0774 6790 618 for further information.

bookingsecretary.ev@gmail.com
All hiring at competitive rates

Social, Snacks and Cinema

Wednesday 3rd September 7 for 7.30pm in Elham Village Hall

FREE ENTRY!!!

This month we are **S**howing a poignant little film which was originally presen**T**ed at the Venice **F**ilm Festival**L**. It is a wel**L**observed drama with a very likeable main character (a**L**though not by everyone it seems...!). Come along and see what **I**t's all about. The is the ideal opportunity to have a relaxing evening meeting **F**riends or making some new ones. Everyone is welcom**E**. Free entry this month. The pay bar will open at 7pm.

Social, Snacks and Cinema

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

Entry on the door. £5.00 for EVHA friends.

available from 7.00pm



ELHAM VILLAGE HALL NEWS

WE ARE LOOKING FOR A SELF-EMPLOYED WEDDING ORGANISER



Location: Elham Village Hall, Elham, Kent

Hours: Part-time. Self-employed. Pay: £100-£150 per wedding.

Role Overview:

Elham Village Hall Association Ltd are looking for a warm, organised, and proactive individual to help plan and manage weddings at our beautiful village venue. If you enjoy weddings and would like to help people fulfil their dreams then this is the role for you! As our wedding organiser you'll guide couples through the planning process and help make their special day unforgettable. This is an exciting opportunity to develop this valuable village hall asset.

Main Responsibilities:

- Field enquiries and serve as the main point of contact for wedding enquiries and wedding bookings. (mobile phone provided)
- Provide venue visits and initial consultations to couples as required.
- Assist in planning timelines for the wedding day with the couple.
- Ensure compliance with licensing, safety, and hall usage guidelines. You must be present when the registrar is on our premises.
- Identify new opportunities, follow them up and secure new bookings.
- Help promote the venue locally and online.

Person Specification:

Basic computer skills.

Excellent communication and interpersonal skills.

Highly organised with great attention to detail.

Calm under pressure and able to problem-solve quickly.

Willing to work flexible hours, including weekends.

Familiarity with the Elham area and local vendors would be a plus.

What We Offer:

Flexible working hours.

Friendly, supportive environment.

Opportunity to grow with an expanding community venue.

To Apply:

Please contact Maggie for an informal chat. Email: bookingsecretary.evham@gmail.com

We look forward to hearing from you!

VILLAGE LIFE

Saturday 6th September 7.30pm at Elham Village Hall

BBQ and Bar open from 5.30pm

Local resident Nigel Woodley's film 'Village Life' will be screened in the main hall on Saturday 6th September. It was filmed last summer in and around Elham and features one or two Elham people. This will be a free entry event but we will have a pay bar and BBQ from 5.30pm so you won't get thirsty or hungry!

The film is suitable for everyone and it is hoped that many of you will come along. See the poster on [Page 40](#)



VE80 Spitfires

The VE80 Spitfires that were part of the VE Celebration will be auctioned at the next Village Hall Autumn Quiz which will take place on Friday 24th October. However, if you would like to put in an early bid please email the newsletter editor

elhamnewsletter@gmail.com

and we will ensure your bid is part of the auction even if you are not attending.

There are two spitfires, one facing left, the other right- see pics. All monies raised will go to the Royal British Legion.



ELHAM VILLAGE HALL NEWS

WE ARE LOOKING FOR A SELF-EMPLOYED BOOKING CO-ORDINATOR

Elham Village Hall Association Ltd is looking for a Booking Co-ordinator for our busy venue. This person is often the first point of contact for potential hirers and is viewed as the day-to-day face of our hall.

Role Overview:

- Flexible hours- mainly working from home.
- On average 15- 20 hours per month.
- Training and ongoing support will be given.
- Reimbursement: £250 per month.



Person Specification:

- Excellent communication skills both in person and on the telephone. (Mobile phone provided).
- Confidently show clients around our venue.
- Computer literate.
- Ability to complete Hiring Agreements.
- Ability to compile a monthly schedule of events.
- Maintain our online calendar.
- Liaise with our treasurer regarding invoicing clients.
- Liaise with wedding organiser.

What We Offer:

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Friendly, supportive environment.

To Apply:

Please contact Maggie for an informal chat. Email: bookingsecretary.evham@gmail.com

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Elham Village Hall Association



AUTUMN QUIZ

Friday 24 October 7.00 for 7.15pm

Get those brain cells and memories active again. Enjoy a sociable evening at Elham Village Hall, book your team's table of 6 and organise your supper and drinks for half time.

TICKETS £10.00 each person which includes your personal raffle ticket and a chance to win BUMPER BEVERAGE BINS

(alcohol plus other drinks)

Contact Jim Clements 01303 840295 or elhamnewsletter@gmail.com

for booking and payment details



Elham Village Hall 130 Club

An invitation to join Elham Village Hall 130 Club

The Elham Village Hall Association raises valuable funds every year for the running of Elham Village Hall. Money raised is used to maintain and improve the hall for the benefit of all users.

During the past year we have distributed £780 in prizes and raised a similar amount for the hall.

By joining the 130 Club you can help ensure Elham Village Hall remains open as a resource for all the residents in our community; as well as having a chance to win cash prizes every month!

The Elham Village Hall 130 Club is a private lottery and is open to all residents from Elham and the surrounding area, their family and friends. As a private lottery you have to be invited to join, you will be allocated a number and your numbers are not transferable. **You have to be 16 or over to join.** Each month there is a draw for 50% of the income. This amount is divided between 3 lucky winners on the following basis:

For example, if we have 130 numbers the income for that month will be £130.

50% will be used as the prize fund e.g., £65 split into three prizes assuming that there are 130 numbers.

- The 1st prize will be £32
- The 2nd prize will be £20
- The third prize will be £13

You may buy more than one number per month. If at any time there is less than 130 numbers sold then the prize fund will be proportionally reduced. If there are more than 130 numbers sold then the prize fund will be proportionally increased.

We would ask that you pay for 12 months in advance (£12 per number). The more people who buy a subscription – the higher the prize money!

Interested? If so, please read the attached rules and complete the form with your details. You will then be allocated a membership number for every £1 subscribed.

Elham Village Hall 130 Club Rules

1. The object of the Club is to raise funds for Elham Village Hall.
2. The Club will commence on a date to be advised by the Elham Village Hall Association (once sufficient numbers have been issued)
3. The Club will be run by the Elham Village Hall Association. A member of the Management Committee will administer the Club and allocate numbers
4. The Club is open to all residents of Elham and the surrounding area, their family and friends.
5. Members must be 16 or over.
6. Members must fill in an application form (attached).
7. The entry fee is £1 per month per number. At least 12 months' entry fees are to be paid in advance. Payments should be paid by cheque made payable to **Elham Village Hall Association 100 Club**. You can also **transfer the money on-line** (account details on application form)
8. Members may have more than one number.
9. The draw will take place each month by the Chair of the Elham Village Management Committee.
10. Prize money will be sent to the winners and names will be posted in the Elham Newsletter. If the winnings are not claimed for 6 months, they will be placed into the Elham Village Hall Association funds.
11. The regular monthly prize fund will be 50% of the monthly Income.
The first prize will always be equal to 25% of the total funds raised for that month; the second prize will be 15% and the third prize 10%.
50% of all money raised, from the Elham Village Hall 130 Club, will go towards the running costs of Elham Village Hall.
12. A register will be kept recording the name and address of each member, the number(s) allocated to them and the subscriptions received.
13. Unless otherwise advised, a member will be deemed to have left the Club if his or her renewal of subscription remains unpaid for a period of one month

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Application Form for 130 Club

(Applicants must be over 16 years old)

Name: _____

Address: _____

Post Code: _____

Telephone: _____

Email: _____

Quantity of numbers required _____ at £1 per month - minimum period of 12 months which equals £12 per number.

Total Payment enclosed: £ _____ I have made an online payment Yes/No

Signed: _____

Please ensure you fill in all your details above or we cannot allocate you a number in the Elham Village Hall 130 Club.

By signing this form, you are declaring that you have received and accepted the rules of The Elham Village Hall 130 Club

Please make your cheque payable to: Elham Village Hall Association 100 CLUB

Please find below account details if you would prefer to make an online payment:

Account Name: Elham Village Hall Association 100 Club

Sort Code: 30-93-34

Account Number: 52257560

Please use your NAME as a reference

Please return this form, with your payment, to Martin Turner, Little Ginny, Exted Hill, Elham, Canterbury, Kent CT4 6UD. You can also leave the form at Elham Village Stores (there is a box at the front of the shop). Please inform us of any changes to your details.

ELHAM VILLAGE HALL 130 CLUB

You've got to be in it to win it!



12 monthly draws.
£12.00pa for each number.
Three prizes each month.
Contact Martin Turner for an application form.
840804/ jgt867@aol.com

The 130 Club is run by Elham Village Hall Association Ltd. Reg Charity No: 1024757

130 CLUB Winners July DRAW

- 1st Prize (£32) Number 20 Linda May
2nd Prize (£20) Number 49 Emma Thackray
3rd Prize (£13) Number 82 Ken London

please contact Martin Turner
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130 CLUB Winners August DRAW

- 1st Prize (£32) Number 104 Emma Thackray
2nd Prize (£20) Number 139 Doug Martin
3rd Prize (£13) Number 21 Sam Martin

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LOCAL NEWS

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Your Parish Council and their areas of responsibility



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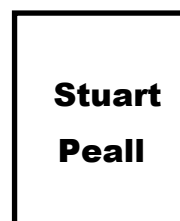
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Unratified Minutes of the Ordinary meeting of the Parish Council on 4th August 2025

Those Present: Councillors: Cllr K Lamb (Chair) and C Chapman (Vice Chair) B Swan, G Clements, C Francis, K Allen, the Clerk, and 3 members of the public. Apologies: S Peall – apologies received and accepted.

To declare any disclosable pecuniary interests (DPI), other significant Interests (SI's) or a voluntary interest (VI) relating to items on the agenda. No Interests were declared.

Public Contribution - none covered under agenda items.

Minutes of meeting. -The minutes of the Ordinary meeting of the Parish Council held on 7th July 2025 were approved and were signed as a true record by the Chair of meeting.

Chairmans Report

The "Kids Eat for £1" sign for The Kings Arms, initially installed at The Triangle, was met with some resistance from the Sir John Williams Trust. Fortunately, Elham Village Hall has kindly agreed to allow the sign to be installed in the area adjacent to the Pétanque pitch.

A question has been raised regarding the future maintenance of burial plots once there are no surviving relatives to care for them. The Clerk will make enquiries with other parishes to determine whether there are any companies or services available that provide ongoing grave maintenance.

Finance

- 1)The Accounts from July 2025 were agreed as true record and were signed by the Chairman of the meeting.**
- 2)The Bank Reconciliation from July 2025 was agreed as true record and was signed by the Chairman of the meeting.**
- 3)The requests for funding received were considered and the following were awarded, Friendship Lunches £198.00 for the purchase of a new A sign and Elham Valley Walkers the sum of £104 for the printing of map boards.**
- 4)The July 25 invoices were agreed, and payments were approved.**

Planning

Applications received were noted and comments agreed

Planning Application	Address	Description	Comments / Views
25/1276/FH	Rigdens, The Square, Elham CT4 6TJ	Retrospective application for the erection of an internal garden all timber feather edge fence with small gate to rear.	No objection on the understanding that there is a condition that the fencing is to be painted / stained a dark brown / black to be in keeping with the 'traditional aesthetics'.

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25/1165/FH	Lilywood, Longage Hill, Rhodes Minnis, Canterbury CT4 6XT	Retrospective application for the erection of a timber gazebo with hipped roof.	To Object, however, should the Case Officer be minded to approve application, we respectfully request that the following conditions be imposed: No use of the premises after 11:00 PM. No amplified music or sound to be played at any time. The use shall be restricted to private, non-commercial gatherings only.
25/1230/FH	Bunkers Farm House, Bunkers Hill, Elham CT4 6NW	Listed Building Consent for a single storey rear extension.	No objection.
25/1395/FH/TCA	The Vicarage, Vicarage Lane, Elham CT4 6TT	Works to trees in a Conservation area. T1 & T2 – Lime Trees (<i>Tilia</i> spp.) Pollard both trees back to previous pollard points, removing approximately 5 metres from height and 4 metres from lateral spread. T3 – Silver Birch (<i>Betula pendula</i>) Crown reduce by 30% - Approx 3m.	No objection. 

2) No applications were received since the agenda was issued therefore no comments agreed.

3) 21/1933/FH - Elham Valley Holiday Park, Wingmore, Canterbury Road CT4 6LP - Lawful development certificate (proposed) for the stationing of touring caravans (as permitted by Lawful Development Certificate ref: Y07/0039/SH) for unrestricted human habitation - it was agreed to defer this item until the next Ordinary meeting.

4) The following decisions were received from Folkestone and Hythe District Council:

Planning Application	Address	Description	Decision Received
25/1002/FH-	Kings Arms, The Square, Elham CT4 6TJ	Listed Building Consent for the retrospective works to retain the location of the existing robata flue.	Approved with conditions.
25/0921/FH	Cockpit Cottage, Cock Lane, Elham, Canterbury, Kent CT4 6TL	Change of use from residential (class C3) to guest annex (class C1).	Approved with conditions.
25/0931/FH	Old Mount Farm, Mount Hill, Rhodes Minnis, Canterbury, Kent CT4 6YD	Detached dwelling house following demolition of redundant farmhouse.	Withdrawn.
25/0913/FH	The Old Barn, Grimsacre Farm, Canterbury Road, North Elham, Elham, Canterbury, Kent	Twin stable and tack room for the keeping of horses in association with the old barn.	Approved with conditions.

Financial Regulations - The amendments discussed at the working group party were considered and it was agreed adopt this version of the Financial Regulations.

Procurement Guidance - The draft procurement guidance was considered, and it was agreed to adopt this version of the Procurement Guidance, to be reviewed in line with amendments to the Procurement Act if and when necessary.

Churchwall - Following the August Ordinary Meeting—where it was discussed and agreed that the Clerk would request updated tenders from contractors due to delays in the process and increased material costs—one updated tender has been received to date. In order for the Council to make a fair comparison, it is essential that the remaining tenders are submitted. Once all tenders have been received, if necessary, an Extraordinary Meeting will be convened to finalise the decision.

Trees – The Arboriculturist Condition Survey has taken place, and the report will be sent in due course,

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Twinning-An update was given by the Elham and Ambleteuse Twinning Association Chair. Ambleteuse have now received approval for their Association.

The Choir group had been exploring the possibility of arranging a joint concert during the Christmas period. However, due to previously scheduled commitments, there is a clash of dates. It has therefore been suggested that planning begins for a potential joint event in 2026.

There is a request for the Council to contribute to the cost of the domain for the Twinning Association website, it was agreed that this can be considered at a later date.



Environment Working Group - The EWG request to install a bat box to the trees adjacent to the War Memorial was agreed.

It was discussed that the EWG would advise the council of how they propose installing the water bowser to the KGV.

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

To exclude the public and press under section 12 of Public Bodies (Admission to Meetings) Act 1960 due to the sensitivity of the items - it was agreed to defer until a future Ordinary meeting.

The Gore – it was agreed to defer until a future Ordinary meeting.

Date of next meeting and Close -The next meeting will be the Ordinary meeting of the Parish Council on Monday 1st September 2025 at 7.30pm. There being no further business the meeting closed at 9.00pm

District Council Report

Design Code

The Design Code is a planning document setting out specific requirements for new development. The Council wants the code to reflect local knowledge and preferences eg building materials, energy efficiency and car parking. Parish Councils and community groups are invited to take part in a community panel by completing [a brief online application form](#) or by emailing planning.policy@folkestone-hythe.gov.uk for more information. In person workshops will be held on Sunday 28 September (am) and Saturday 29 November (pm). If you are interested, please do take part.



A260 Densole

We continue to campaign to reduce the speed limit from 40 to 30 mph on the A260 in Densole. This busy stretch of road carries up to 90,000 vehicle movements a week and it passes through the heart of a built-up area where there are eight bus stops. Reducing the traffic speed would add just 20 seconds to a journey but has been fiercely resisted by the relevant authorities. With the recent changes in administration at KCC we are hopeful that we may at last be able to make some progress.

Love Your Beach

As part of the special arrangements to keep the district's beaches as clean as possible this summer, four new solar powered compactor bins were installed at key locations. A further innovation has been the use of electric bikes to collect waste. These can reach locations that are inaccessible to vehicles and run regular patrols throughout the day.

Protecting the coast

The Council has recently heard that it has been successful in a £2.23 million bid to the Environment Agency for coastal protection measures. This will cover the costs of moving and regrading the shingle along 7km of coastline from Folkestone to Hythe for the next five years. The work is undertaken twice a year and is the most effective way of helping to protect around 3,000 coastal homes from flooding.

Goldpark Caravan Park, Wingmore

There have been a number of long-term planning issues regarding this site since it was first started to be used for caravans some 20 years ago. The site is now in receivership and the occupants have been told to leave. There are currently 22 people living at the caravan park in 18 dwellings, the caravans have not been moved for many years and the occupants do not have vehicles to tow them away. The Council is monitoring developments and offering what help it can as the situation unfolds

Heritage Ponds

In the past there were literally hundreds of ponds scattered across the North Downs. These were not only used by farm animals, they were important for wildlife. Officers from the National Landscape team are now launching a project to restore some of these heritage ponds as most of them have fallen into disrepair. The Council is supporting this work through its Green Grants scheme and three ponds in the Acrise area have been identified for a pilot study which will involve studying the silt for historical evidence as well as ecological surveys.

Cllr Stephen Scoffham

Kent County Councillor Update Report for Parishes, August 2025



KCC Budget Consultation

The County Council commenced its consultation on the budget for 2026/27. There will be significant challenges ahead, particularly in Adult Social Care and Special Education Needs, so the Council will be looking to run services differently and to make savings without impacting front-line services adversely. The consultation asks residents of Kent for their priorities. The consultation document and questionnaire is available on-line and at libraries until mid-September 2025.

Electric Vehicle Charging Points

KCC has been allocated £12.28 million in capital funding and £1.015 revenue funding by the government to develop a county-wide approach to electric vehicle (EV) charging. The scheme being developed in Kent should generate £50 to £70 million capital investment into Kent. The aim is to develop local, low-power, on-street charging infrastructure for EVs. The project will install 5,000 to 10,000 charger sockets over a 10-year delivery period. KCC will earn an income from the contract with the selected provider over 20 years, with estimates ranging up to £17 million over that period.

KCC's Performance

An analysis of KCC's overall performance has shown that performance of the Contact Centre, in financial management and in infrastructure management are good. However, improvements are required in the speed of responses to complaints and Freedom of Information requests.

KCC Leader's Speech

The Leader of KCC, Linden Kemkaran, presented a speech to Full Council on 10 July 2025, at which she announced progress so far since the new Reform UK Administration took control of the County Council on 6 May 2025. Her speech included some of the financial savings that have been identified so far and the direction of travel for the Council. The speech can be viewed on the KCC website in the Committee section.

Highways Improvement Plans (HIPs)

Although 88% of Kent's Parishes have Highways Improvement Plans, there are still seven in Elham Valley which do not have a plan. A HIP is usually produced by a Town or Parish Council and identifies the priorities for Highways investment. An area without a HIP is less likely to be allocated funding for its projects. Please check your Parish/Town Council has a HIP.

Community Grants

All KCC Councillors have a few thousand pounds to allocate as small grants to bona fide, constituted, voluntary or non-profit groups for events and activities. They could be sport or arts groups, church groups, or veterans' associations, for instance. The applicant organisation must have a bank account. The grants usually range from £250 to £500 in size. Please email me if your organisation is keen to apply, on Christopher.Hespe@kent.gov.uk

Fuel Poverty Advice

UK Power Networks has commissioned 'We Are Group' to deliver a range of free advice services to help individuals and families struggling with fuel poverty. The advice covers debt, scam protection and energy use guidelines. Everyone who signs up to the scheme will receive a 1-to-1 appointment in order to tailor the advice specifically to their situation. The contact is George.Hall@wearegroup.com

Christopher Hespe, Kent County Councillor for Elham Valley



Friends of St Mary's

AGM

Thursday 25 September 2025 at 6.30

St Mary's Church

Wine and canapes

If you are interested in the preservation and enhancement of our historic Parish Church for the benefit of all the community, please do join us!

KNOW YOUR NEIGHBOUR

Nigel Woodley is known for putting Elham on film with his movie 'Village Life' which you can see, free of charge, at Elham Village Hall on Saturday 6 September. He agreed to feature as the neighbour we can get to know this month.



How long have you been part of the Elham Community?	Claire and I moved here in 1998 following a three-year search for our dream home. It was a development project and we finished it 2 years ago.
What do you consider your greatest achievement to date?	Can I have two great achievements? The first one is my daughter Tara who is now 25. The second is setting up my own business and running it successfully so that I could retire early and do what I enjoy.
When were you happiest?	I am a happy person so no one time. My wife says I should put the day of our marriage, but on reflection, the summer holidays after 'O' levels in 1978. I was young, full of enthusiasm, looking forward to an endless summer of film making and parties with my whole life in front of me.
What did you want to be when you were growing up?	I wanted to be a film director. I had the opportunity to spend a day on the set of a Dr Who film and was captivated.
What keeps you awake at night?	Hay fever, otherwise I sleep pretty well. It is not good at the moment with all the harvesting going on.
What is the most important lesson life has taught you?	Go for what you want, you will get there in the end.
Which village event do you most look forward to?	My favourite event is 'Open Gardens' because I am nosey and like to see other peoples' gardens.
Tell us three activities that keep you busy?	I've got four! • film making • reading I read everything, Jackie Collins to Charles Dickens and everything in between • gardening, hence my interest in Open Gardens • cricket, I watch now, and read about it.
What one change in the village would improve your life?	There is not much I would change but I would like more frequent and evening bus services and also, I would love to see a 'drinkers' pub in the village. And I suspect I am not alone.
Cat, dog or goldfish?	Dog, I have Tess the labrador whom I am sure most dog-walkers will know.
What is the worst job you have ever done?	After leaving university I worked as a council labourer doing a variety of things including digging holes in the municipal graveyard.
Tell us a joke.	I struggled to find a clean one! I keep randomly shouting out 'broccoli' and 'cauliflower'... my friend suggested I have 'florets'.
What would the people of Elham not know about you?	I have an 'A' level in Latin. That was a waste of two years, except, no, it has been useful as I have recently started to learn Spanish.
Last thoughts, final word.	This is my favourite bit of oriental wisdom: how do you eat an elephant? A bite at a time. It is a great way to put a huge task into perspective and make it achievable.

CHURCH PAGES

The Rector's wonderings...

I wonder if you ever find yourself worrying about not having enough resources to do something? Perhaps there's something special you want to do or make or maybe an important task that is required of you, and you wonder if you have enough money, enough ingredients, enough time, enough of what the task requires...



Jesus was invited to a wedding along with his mother and disciples and once the reception was in full flow, his mother Mary came to him with the news that the wedding hosts had run out of wine. Imagine that - a wedding reception running out of celebratory drinks. What a disaster!

Jesus didn't seem too bothered about what his mother had told him but she told the servants to, '*Do whatever he tells you.*'

What happens next is nothing short of a miracle. Jesus asked the servants to fill some very large stone water jars with water (each holding about 20-30 gallons) and when this was poured out it became the best tasting wine!

Jesus used the resources around him - willing servants, water jars and water to bless a wedding and God transformed the water into great tasting plentiful wine.

The Lord wants us to use the resources given to us, however small, to serve and honour Him, to reach out his love and care to others, and God will perform the miracle.

Things may not turn out exactly how we thought or planned but when we offer our gifts, God will do the work of transformation and God will provide generously - more than we could ever have imagined - when we *do whatever he asks...*

Dear Lord, help me to see the resources around me as gifts you have provided. Help me to see your amazing generosity as these gifts are given to bless others and serve you. Amen

NOTICES for September



Every Tuesday at St. Mary's...

Traditional Morning Prayer at 8.30am in the Jesus Chapel. Download the free Church of England app or use the red book. A good way to begin the day. <https://play.google.com/store/apps/details?id=com.aimermedia.dailyprayer&pli=1>

[com/store/apps/details?id=com.aimermedia.dailyprayer&pli=1](https://play.google.com/store/apps/details?id=com.aimermedia.dailyprayer&pli=1)

Every Monday at the Methodist Hall ...

Coffee and cake, a warm welcome and friendship, 10.30am – 12pm



Churches Together in Elham

Thursday 4th September Prayer Meeting @7.30pm Methodist Church

Every first Thursday in the month we meet for an hour of informal prayers and reflection.

Contact : Mark Rutherford (01303 840063)

Saturday 6th September Prayer Breakfast @8am Methodist Church.

Every first Saturday in the month we meet for prayer and short reflection on bible passages, followed by breakfast at 8.30am.

Contact : David Whitethread (07961 053335)

7th September 12th Sunday after Trinity

08:00 Said Eucharist

09.30 Sung Eucharist

Lectionary readings:

Deut. 30: 15 – end Psalm 1, Philemon 1-21, Luke 14: 25-33

14th September 13th Sunday after Trinity

09:30. Sung Eucharist

Lectionary readings :

Exod 32: 7-14, Psalm 51: 1-11, 1 Tim 1: 12-17, Luke 15: 1-10

Monday 15th September Ministry Leadership Team Meeting @2.30pm

Ministers leading worship in the benefice churches meet together at St Mary's for planning, updates on the churches and prayer.

CHURCH PAGES

21st September 14th Sunday after Trinity

09:30. Sung Eucharist

Lectionary readings:

Amos 8: 4-7, Psalm 113, 1 Tim 2:1-7, Luke 16: 1-13

15:00 Ringlemere Clarinet Trio Concert

Music by Beethoven, Bruch, Manuel de Falla, Nino Rota and more artists!

Tickets £12 on the door (under 18s free).

28th September 15th Sunday after Trinity

09:30. All Age Eucharist

Lectionary readings:

Amos 6: 1a, 4-7, Psalm 146, 1 Tim 6:6-19, Luke 16: 19-end

17.00

START Session 5 : *What does Jesus death on the cross mean for me today?*

Penultimate week of the Start Course for those with questions about life and the Christian faith. Refreshments available from 4.45pm.

Future Events for October:

4th October Churches Together Prayer Breakfast, Methodist church @8am

5th October Harvest Lunch, St Mary's @12pm

5th October Final START session, St Mary's @5pm

9th October St Mary's PCC meeting, CHURCH HALL @7pm (note change of venue)

13th October Sir John Williams Trust meeting, Fairfield Rd @7pm

Donations

We would greatly appreciate your help to continue our work for God in the village of Elham and surrounding areas. If you can, please consider making a donation. This is our QR code for St Mary's Elham. To donate using this code, open up the camera on a mobile phone - point the camera at the QR code – follow the instructions. 😊

The offertory plate will go round in the service, during one of the hymns.

There is also the opportunity to donate by card using the new DONA machine by the North door. Your Gift Aid donations are particularly appreciated (for every £1 given the church can claim back 25p from your tax paid to the tax office).

Safeguarding / 'A Safe Church':

If you ever have any concerns, contact our Parish Safeguarding Officer:

Susannah Pallot : susannahpallot@gmail.com

Paper Copies of Notices

Some copies are available on the back table in St Mary's church. Please take a copy to give to those unable to access the internet.

Elham Methodist Church

(all at 9.30am unless otherwise stated)

Services for SEPTEMBER

7th Rev David Songer (HC)

14th Valley United Service @ Lyminge

21st Dwight Harris

28th Local arrangement video

ST MARY'S CHURCH ELHAM

THE RINGLEMERE CLARINET TRIO

Sunday 21st September 3pm



NATHAN WINTERS - CLARINET
KEREN STARER-SHAW - CELLO
HELEN CRAYFORD - PIANO

Music by Beethoven, Bruch, Manuel de Falla, Nino Rota and even more!

Tickets £12 on the door (under 18's free)
 Refreshments available



ST MARY THE VIRGIN ELHAM

URGENTLY NEEDED!

TOWER CAPTAIN

ESSENTIAL

- Must be competent and experienced Bell Ringer, confident in teaching others to ring church bells.



contact:  iandodd8888@outlook.com

St Mary's Church Members

invite you all to our



Harvest Celebration

Soup and a Roll

Apple Crumble and Cream

on

**Sunday 5 October 12.30 for
1.00pm**

Everyone is Welcome

Donations to The Folkestone Rainbow Centre
gratefully received

Please contact Anne Newman

anneneumanlph@gmail.com, or

01303901444

to enable us to cater for expected guests.

*Please bring a soup bowl, plate and a dish for
dessert, plus your drink and glass.*

Valley Methodist Churches Lyminge

are holding concerts and other fund raising
events to help to fix the hole
in the Tayne Centre. Please support us.

26 September

MacMillan Coffee Morning

10-12.00 noon there will be stalls for the roof
and cakes for MacMillan

25 October

Invictor Wind Orchestra

Last night of the Proms in the Methodist
Church

7.00 pm £10.00 a ticket

Contact Christina 01303 863049

20 December

Haywardians Christmas Concert

in the Methodist Church

3.00 pm retiring collection

23 December Carol Service

at 6.00 pm



ROYAL BRITISH LEGION

ELHAM VALLEY BRANCH

warmly invite you to a

COFFEE MORNING

Saturday 11th October 2025

10.00am - 12.30pm

in St Mary's Church Hall, Elham

in aid of the 2025 Poppy Appeal

EVERYONE WELCOME



Appreciation and Thanks

St Mary's expressed their thanks and
appreciation to the lovely Pat Holmes
who has now 'retired' as the Church
Hall Bookings manager after many years
of faithful voluntary service.

There is now a New Church Hall Hire
Agreement to be signed by all wanting to book the Church
Hall. See separate St Mary's Church Hall advert in Elham
Newsletter.

POPPY APPEAL 2025

Last year the Poppy Appeal collection across this district
reached £16,587.71 and I'd like to thank everyone for
your kind and generous contributions.

Preparations are now underway for the 2025 collections
and volunteers are sought to either complete a small
house-to-house collection over the weekend of 27/28
October, and/or to man a stand at Lidl Hawkinge during
the period 27 October – 8 November.

If you can spare a couple of hours during this time and
would like to help such a vital and meaningful charity,
please do get in touch.

Susan Foster, Poppy
Appeal Organiser 07734 383691 or email
to susanfoster61@btinternet.com

BEE WISE - Valley Bees News

It has been a busy summer with periods of dry hot weather and periods of heavy rain but fortunately the bees have responded well and amongst the 7 hives that we have scattered around Elham, most have fared well.

In June we were able to rescue a large swarm of bees from Farthing Common which was relocated to a quarantined apiary near Ottinge but unfortunately they were suffering from Chronic bee paralysis virus (CBPV) which is a disease affecting adult honeybees, causing paralysis and ultimately death. The virus primarily targets the nervous system of adult bees, leading to visible symptoms like trembling, shaking, and wing paralysis. Infected bees also appear shiny, hairless, and darker than normal, as healthy bees remove their hairs in an attempt to remove them from the hive.

On the other side of the coin another empty hive was visited by some scout bees and within 3 days a swarm arrived and decided to accept the hostelry offered. The swarm has settled in well, been relocated locally and is now busy getting ready for autumn and winter.

Asian Hornet Update

There have been more nests in our area compared to last year, but these have been mainly around the coast again and would suggest they are the result of 'blown over queens', rather than from established nests

The genetics so far show only one queen, which turned up at Chartham earlier this year, was the result of a nest taken late in '24 in Coldred. A recent statement from NBU (National Bee Unit) says there is no data to suggest that the hornets are endemic

A major advance is the NBU have trialled successfully tracking devices which significantly reduce the time taken to find a nest. You may have seen this on the news. This is a 'game changer' for them. What we now need is a cheap, but equally effective device to monitor for hornets. Do not despair various people are engaged in such projects and within a short space of time they will be available.

Finally.....

We are holding the line; the NBU say there is no data to say they are endemic; as other BKA's methodically clear out the nests in their area and new technology comes on line, the number of nests will fall.

A hornet nest was discovered on the 14th August at Exted after a number of days monitoring hornet traps. The nest was destroyed by the NBU the following day.

To close :- we do have some limited stocks of local honey for sale at £7.25 / lb. Please email me at valleybees.com if required. Free delivery within Elham.

In conjunction with the Elham Community Shed I will be doing a bees wax candle making workshop in the Autumn – watch the Newsletter for details.

Roger Newman www.valleybees.co.uk



No complaints about the weather this time - it has been an unusual year with its ups and downs but very pleasant most of the time.

The highlight of the summer was, of course, the Summer Show held in the village Hall and garden - a lovely day until mid-afternoon when we had a sharp shower. In spite of the unusual weather this year, there was an amazing display of flower entries - beautiful and smelling wonderful. In the vegetable section, there were a few blanks where entries had been made but the vegetables simply weren't good enough. Nevertheless, it was an impressive and enjoyable show. It was well attended and, having enjoyed the entries in the Hall, many lingered in the garden where the Pimm's stall did a steady trade. Altogether, a successful day.

The speaker on 18th September will be Steve Edney who will talk about dahlias for the garden - don't miss it! Looking further ahead October is coming and with it the Autumn coffee morning and Bulb Sale - always an enjoyable and popular morning, so it's time to start thinking about which bulbs you wish to buy to be ready for winter and spring. And of course, even later in November, we have the Annual Dinner. The end of summer is Not the end of enjoyable events!

Frances Horton



Elham Gardeners Triumph Again

Come rain or shine, nothing dampens the enthusiasm of Elham gardeners and young artists, as evidenced at this year's Elham Gardening Society Summer Show in July.

The popular event attracted 368 adult entries and 108 from children. The best of gardeners' produce was on display, from flowers to plants, vegetables and herbs. But the show is also about baking, jam making, photography, art, growing potatoes in a bucket and giving children an opportunity to create colourful artwork and take an early interest in gardening.

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It is also a popular social gathering, not least because of the delicious cakes on offer, Pimm's on the lawn and the chance to win a great prize in the raffle!



Competition is fierce but good hearted, and all the trophies well earned. Maggie Newington won Best in Show and was awarded the Colonel's Trophy for her vase of mixed foliage.

The Kincaid family did rather well, with David winning numerous awards for flowers and vegetables and achieving the most points in the show, while Carole created a vibrant display for the Pilgrim's Hospice, the society's chosen charity this year, and won the Yockletts Bowl for most points in the Pot Plants. Not to be outdone, their granddaughters also walked away with awards: Leila with the Thomas Trophy for most points in children's section, and Holly with the Palmer Cup for best exhibit in children's section.

Jenny Gasson is a pro when it comes to growing a single potato in a bucket. This previous winner did it again, achieving 6lb 9oz (2.98 kg). The children's winner was Maria Payne.

Phil Capon produced the Best Art Exhibit and Emma Donnelly the Best Exhibit in Photography. Jacob of Elham Primary School created the best picture of flowers in the children's section.

Renee Bull's was the best exhibit in floral arts, while Elizabeth Newington achieved most points in this category.

A full list of results can be viewed on the society's website.



It was a baptism of fire for Pam Tebbs who was the show secretary for the first time. She said: "I would like to thank the teams and many helpers whose efforts made the show possible. It was successful, colourful and well attended,

despite the weather being changeable.

"Although we had fewer entries in some categories, others made up the numbers and the standard was very high. Thank you to our visitors and exhibitors, and a special thank you to the previous show secretary, Pam Flight, for her guidance and support. What a show, and now to next year's event?"

The final thank you goes to the raffle prize givers, Walmer Castle, Allington Castle and Godinton House Garden for free entries, and the Kings Arms in Elham for a generous voucher.

Pam Tebbs



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Elham
Historical
Society

A Free Social Evening that will include

A Fascinating 30 minute film
“Country Ways – The Elham Valley in March”
originally shown on television in 1988.



There will also be a selection of historical items from the EHS archives for you to view. Come along, meet the team and discover more about the fascinating history of our village.
Refreshments available as usual from the bar.

Friday 5th September

7.00 for 7.30p.m.

Elham Village Hall

elhamhistorical@outlook.com

elhamhistorical.org



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TRADITIONAL APPLE PRESSING WEEKEND

SEPTEMBER 27th & 28th

Come and enjoy some fresh pressed
apple juice.

Games, miniature steam engines
and much more.

Open 10am to 4pm

Follow us on

www.facebook.com/ElhamValleyLineTrustOfficial and

www.elhamvalleylinetrust.org
for more info and other events.

RAILWAY THEFT

On the evening of Saturday 2nd August thieves broke into the Elham Valley Line Trust, Railway Museum at Peene.



Their objective was the original enamel advertising signs that adorned the outside of many of the railway buildings.

They removed, by ripping from the walls, 5 of these enamel signs and pulled from the ground a cast iron railway sign.

During their robbery they trashed a memorial garden to a previous Trustee and Chair of the Trust (the family are not best pleased!). Also damage to the buildings was occasioned by their forceful removal of the signs. Some of these signs were 5ft by 3ft, so on the large side to carry and cart away!

If you have any knowledge of these signs please contact the Trust by calling 07445208785.

The nostalgic atmosphere of the Railway Museum is missing without these period advertising signs. Our pictures show some of the signs stolen.



Thank you from the Flanagan Family

Pauline Flanagan's family would like to thank so many in the village who have shown such kindness and support for them both when Pauline was unwell and since she sadly passed away on 15th May. Pauline's friendships and various clubs meant so much to her and brought her huge comfort over the past few years.

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ELHAM CHURCH OF ENGLAND PRIMARY SCHOOL



The last school year finished on a high in so many ways, but two particular highlights were Elham winning the award for being the best small school at the District Sports Day, and Key Stage 2's magnificent production of the Lion King. It was a triumph in all respects, particularly for the Year 6 children who took the leading roles, and congratulations and thanks must go to all the children and staff who were involved.

So, we have said goodbye and good luck to last year's Year 6 children as they go off to their new schools, hopefully with very happy memories of their time at Elham. At the end of term we also sadly said good bye to four members of staff – Miss Waters and Miss Shepherd who have

been kingpins in Key Stage 1 for around ten years each, Miss Thomas who has been both a TA and a Trainee teacher with us for several years, and Mrs Short who has been a pillar of our school for 26 years - as Year 6 teacher, Senco, Assistant Head, Governor, and latterly an outstanding Acting Headteacher. We were able to wish all four well and convey our very grateful thanks to them at a special end-of-term party and at the Leavers Service.

Now we look forward with much excitement to the start of a new year. We welcome Mr Joe Magliocco as our new Headteacher, while Parent Governor Ed Robbins has taken over as Chair of Governors. We also welcome the new Foundation Stage children joining us this month.

The school will be returning to a four class structure with the classrooms being spruced up over the summer. Years 5 and 6 can look forward to the temperature in their south facing room being more comfortable following the construction of a brise soleil above the main windows. We must thank Tolman Homes for funding and constructing the new EYFS and KS1 outdoor learning space, and our wonderful PTA and Elham Parish Council who have funded some of the new learning equipment.

Despite all the changes we can be sure that the happy family atmosphere that provides the ideal environment for learning and playing in our school will remain unchanged!

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Anyone for Cribbage ????

We have now been offered 2 venues to play cribbage (thank you to those that offered.) Accordingly we are hoping to start a group again, mid to end of September, on Sunday afternoons

or early evenings for a couple of hours.

We are a friendly group of about 8 members who are regular players but if you are interested in joining us as beginners, novices or long term players please email me and I will keep you posted about our next meeting.

Roger Newman Email rogdnew@yahoo.co.uk



Welcome to Elham!



A warm welcome awaits at the newly refurbished Elham Tea House! They offer a good range of cakes, including gluten free options and even doggie ice creams. I popped along on the opening day and it was buzzing! I think we are very fortunate that Julie and her team have chosen our village to set up shop. Welcome to Elham!

Jan Stanyon EVHA Chair



25th ANNIVERSARY OF PETANQUE

Elham Valley vs Our French Friends



Elham losing a game to the French



Jean-Claude Delattre, who has played for Montreuil for more than 25 years

Saturday, 9 August saw the 25th Anniversary of the annual Elham Valley v Montreuil and Valley de la Course Petanque competition hosted in Elham. This competition was first played in 2001, in Elham, and is played each year, with alternating hosting of the event, one-year Elham, the following Montreuil.

The Montreuil team comprised of 9 players, one of whom, Jean-Claude Delattre, has attended and played at every competition – quite a record. Elham fielded a team of 12 players. Given the numbers it was decided to play games of pairs, rather than triples, and 16 games were played over the course of the day. Elham won 10 of these and Montreuil won 6, making Elham the overall winner. Looking back through the results of past competitions, Elham winning has generally been the result, whether the competition is in France or in Elham. Unusually, last year Montreuil, to their delight won, however this may be due to the fact that only 4 members of the Elham Club were able to play!

All who attended enjoyed a lovely lunch of barbeque, quiches and salads, followed by strawberries and cream, cheese and cakes, washed down by a few glasses of wine and beer.

The Elham Petanque Club meets at 10.30 am each Sunday, weather permitting, and plays Wednesday evenings from 6 pm during the summer. The club welcomes new members of all ages and abilities, including beginners. Either simply turn up at the terrain, where you have a go and see if the sport is for you, or contact Ian Sladden, Chairman, i.sladden@btinternet.com or Maureen Alexander, Secretary, maureentalexander@gmail.com for more details.

LOCAL NEWS

Sir John Williams Trust, Elham – Further Education Grants

This is the time of the year when some young people of the Parish are looking to further their studies away from home and embark on a course of further education at college or university. Funds can be stretched almost beyond bounds with the cost of books and equipment to ensure a smoother learning experience and a grant, however small, can help.

The Sir John Williams Trust may be able to help and you can apply in the following manner:

You must supply a curriculum vitae and full details of the course of studies to be followed, degree or qualification being sought and the establishment being attended, plus any other information that may be useful to the Trust in dealing with your application. The application must be endorsed by a parent or guardian verifying the information given.

For a repeat grant application, i.e. further years of study where a previous grant has been given, it will be necessary to provide a detailed report of the previous year's studies with achievements and exam results, and how these will satisfy the overall course objective. A CV will also be required where one has not previously been supplied. A parent or guardian should endorse the application and verify its accuracy.

An application may be returned for completion if any of the above requirements are missing.

The Trust is also prepared to help students embarking on an apprenticeship who have expenditure in setting themselves up with tools, etc. The applicant should detail the apprenticeship being undertaken and the items required, should supply a CV, and the application should be endorsed by a parent or guardian.

The Trust will be meeting in mid-October to consider applications. This is the main grant meeting of the year when the Trust expects to make the bulk of its grants within its available budget. Applications received after this meeting, apart from having to wait until the Trust next meets, will also be dependent upon the Trusts' remaining available funds.

The Trust is not bound to make a grant, and cannot if it is not satisfied that the application or applicant is within its remit and the Trust scheme.

Applications should be sent to the Clerk to the Trustees, Mr K.H. London, Sir John Williams Trust, 17, Fairfield, Elham by 28th September.

If you have any further queries not covered above, please do not hesitate to telephone for advice at 01303 840440.

September Wordsearch

The Elham Newsletter brings you local news. How do you get your national and international news? Online, or from one of these publications? Maybe you read a selection?

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ELHAM VILLAGE HALL NEWS

The **Elham Community Shed team** are planning an exciting programme of activities for the rest of the year and we hope these will appeal to our members.

After six months we have been able to assess what works and what doesn't, and are tweaking our opening hours accordingly.

The beginning of the week was not well attended so we have decided instead to open **for coffee and socialising on Tuesday mornings** and to extend our opening hours on Thursdays, from the existing 2 hours to 6 hours, 10.00 am to 4.00 pm. This will give more time for people working on specific projects. Our Saturday opening from 10.00 am to 12.00 noon remains unchanged, to appeal specifically to members who work during the week.

The novelty is that specific activities are being planned every other Saturday from 10.00 am to 12.00pm noon. So have a look, see what appeals and contact us to book your place at elhamshed@gmail.com



September 13th: How to use hand tools

September 27th: How to use power tools

October 11th: Making outdoor wooden games for children. £5 contribution towards materials, perhaps more on the day depending on what is used.

October 25th: Loom making with Pip Hope and team.

November 8th: Candle making with Roger Newman. Cost: £5.

November 22nd: Make an ecological Christmas wreath - bring your own preferred enhancing decorations

Wood turning: We have been given an excellent lathe by a generous person in the village and hope to run wood turning sessions on Thursdays. We need to confirm the availability of the teacher, so watch this space for further information. Our picture shows a Team Member receiving tuition and having a go.



Other suggestions made for next year:
Carpet and upholstery cleaning
Making a log store(see completed commission above)
Whittling spoons

Making garden support structures

Upcycling furniture

We welcome any other suggestions, so don't be shy and share your ideas.

We now have a membership of 77 but only a proportion is active. However, we are extremely grateful for the support we have received from residents in Elham and around, and also for your generosity with donations of tools.

Your current membership will continue , to be renewed in January 2026

Come to the Shed on Tuesdays, Thursdays and Saturdays to meet people, have a chat, enjoy a drink of tea or coffee and a biscuit. We have our regulars (you know who you are!) so why not join them?

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Tuesday 9 September Meet 10am at Bishopsbourne Church for a walk partly based on Elham Valley North Walk 4 - Pett Bottom and Back. We set off via Crows Camp to Pett Bottom Road, returning south through Gorsley Wood and then on lanes and bridleways back to Bishopsbourne. Four dog-friendly stiles. Approx six miles, moderate. Walk leader Isabel Senior 07501 797017



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Tuesdays and Thursdays - 10 am

Fridays - 6 pm

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maurentalexander@gmail.com



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Fridays - 9.30 am - Open Club Session (Outdoor if weather allows)

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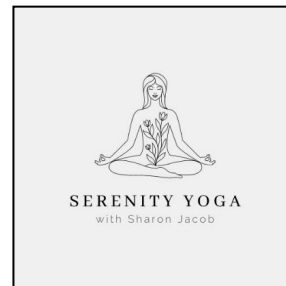
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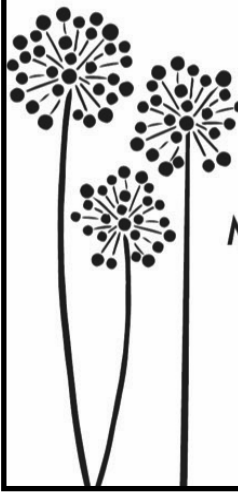


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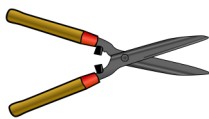
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