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Tuesday 3 November	Royal British Legion	14.00		Susan 07734 383691	n/a
Wednesday 4 November	Social Snacks and Cinema	19.00 for 19.30	Peggy Pike Room Elham Village Hall	Jan Stanyon 01303 840820	5
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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.

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Welcome to the Elham Newsletter - November 2026

Thank you to Pam Tebbs for her picture on the front cover— a cool blue scene for a cooling season!

October was a busy month for Elham Village Hall Association with the Quiz Night and Halloween. Dessert Island Discs is this month's social event—we do hope you will come to the Hall and enjoy the stories and music choices of a younger resident and his different and fascinating life.

If you know of an event or activity in December 2026 please send details before November 13 to me at elhamnewsletter@gmail.com. This is YOUR community's newsletter. There will be a January edition of the Newsletter but it will NOT BE DELIVERED to your door, but instead published on line on EVH website. We feel the distributors deserve a break at Christmas! Why not take a picture of your favourite Elham view and send it to elhamnewsletter@gmail.com for inclusion on the front cover or how about YOU being the subject of 'Know Your Neighbour'? Get in touch. Renee

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Tuesday 10 November	Lyminge Friendship Group	10.30 - 12.30	Coach and Horses Lyminge	See Poster	10
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Thursday 19 November	Elham Gardening Society talk No dig gardening	19.30	Peggy Pike Room EVH	See website	20
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Saturday 28 November	Rhodes Minnis Cat Sanctuary Christmas Fair	10.00—13.00	Hawkinge Community Centre CT18 7FP	See Poster	8
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Sunday 6 December	LIGHT UP ELHAM—the Big Switch On.	17.00 . Meet at 16.55	The Triangle and after in St Mary's Church	See poster	4
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CHRISTMAS IS COMING…





LIGHT UP ELHAM!

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If you would like a four-foot tree with lights for the OUTSIDE of your house to be seen from the street - please complete the request form in the newsletter and pop it into the Elham Newsletter Box in the Londis shop or email your address and details to juliawuk@yahoo.co.uk by Friday 20 November.

You can collect your tree from Elham Village Hall car park **on Saturday 28November 10.00 -12.00**. Please contact Julia or Roger Newman if you need any assistance with the erection of your tree - 07734138487

We are asking for a minimum of £20.00 for each tree requested. This is a non- profit-making venture. Lights are available if you require them.

The big switch on, 'Light Up Elham' is at 17.00 on Sunday 6 December. Meet on The Triangle at 16.55 and after, to St Mary's church for mince pies, mulled wine and singing.

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LIGHT UP FOR ELHAM TREE REQUEST FORM

Please add my household to the list of Christmas Tree hosts.

CONTACT DETAILS (block capitals)

Name/s .....**House name**……

Street……**Postcode** CT ……..

Email: ……..

I have made an online *B A C S payment* of £20 £25 £30 Other …… (Please circle an amount) to
Account Name: *Elham Village Hall Association Limited*
Sort code: *09-01-52* *date…….*
Account Number: *13698706* (Please use TREE (NAME) as a reference)
OR I have given CASH to Julia or Roger Newman.

(We would like to contact you by email from time to time to let you know about forthcoming events and activities. By giving your email address above, you are agreeing that you are happy for us to do this. We will never share your details with other organisations. For full details of how we hold and use personal data please contact Miranda Weller, Company Secretary : miranda1232@hotmail.com

SOCIAL, SNACKS AND CINEMA

WEDNESDAY 4TH NOVEMBER 7 FOR 7.30

IN THE PEGGY PIKE ROOM

AT

ELHAM VILLAGE HALL

Now that the nights are drawing in- what **B**etter way to spend a soc**I**a**L** evening with friends watching a much **L**oved classic in the warm comfort of the Pegg**Y** Pike Room. Come along and **E**njoy a pre - show drink from our P**L**atinium Bar and socia**L**ise with fr**I**ends and neighb**O**urs.

En**T**ry is just £5 on the door. See you then!

J Stanyon



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Elham Village Hall Association News



Elham Village Hall October Quiz night

Friday 16th October

The hall was packed for the biennial Quiz night with twenty-one tables filled with people in conversation, enjoying laughter and discussion answering a selection of questions on a variety of topics, whilst sharing their 'banquets'. These feasts were as varied as the questions, and form an important element of making the quiz a really vibrant village community event. The atmosphere was wonderful. It is good to see familiar faces and especially new folk attending.

Thank you so much to everyone who came and those who organised their table teams. The next quiz will be held in March 2027. Please book in advance to ensure a table.

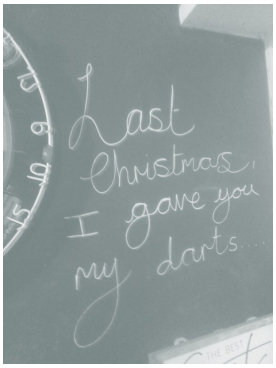
The quizzes run by the EVH committee are the **only actual fundraising events** held each year to support the maintenance and development of your Village Hall. They are only possible with the help and assistance of a valued team. These include the 'behind the scenes' volunteers, who set out the chairs and tables, organise the raffle, do the row-running, the marking, the scoring, the production of the quiz paperwork, the production of the score spreadsheet and the management of the audio-visual equipment, not forgetting the question-setting and the quizmaster. Of course, with all this help the evening should run smoothly and nothing could possibly go wrong! Or could it?

Each quiz we hope pleases the attendees and we aim to have new options and variations each time. Feedback and suggestions are always welcome. Please contact me on ajcjim1904@gmail.com.

Jim Clements

Elham Village Hall Committee and Trustee

Was it enough?





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DESSERT ISLAND DISCS
featuring
Gabriel Facchini
as the castaway.

Wednesday November 18th

7.00 for 7.30pm

in the

Peggy Pike Room

at Elham Village Hall.

Join us for an evening of chat and music.

Bar opens at 7.00. Dessert to follow.

Everyone welcome.

Entry: £5.00 on the door

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Cha Cha Cha ~Waltz ~ Jive ~ Quickstep ~ Rumba ~ Foxtrot
and more

Etchinghill Village Hall

Join us from 5 November 2026

Beginner Class
Thursdays 7.30 - 8.30pm

Improver Class
Thursdays 8.30 - 9.30 pm

£7 per person per hour

Bring your two left feet and your sense of humour.
Have FUN, get FIT, get HEALTHY & get DANCING.
Partners not necessary

To join any of the classes
and for further details, or information about private lessons

please contact Lynn on 07967979610
lynn.chapman0127@btinternet.com
IDTA (AB), (AL), (SalDip)

Xmas party, including buffet, Thursday 17th December 2026





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Elham Environment Group is screening

National Emergency Briefing

People's Emergency Briefing

On the climate and nature crisis

Elham

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This film shows key elements of the National Emergency Briefing at Westminster, presented by experts.

Now is your chance to see how climate change is expected to affect our community.

Tuesday **17th November. 7pm**

Elham Village Hall, Peggy Pike Room

Bar open

FREE TICKETED EVENT

www.nebriefing.org

paulinedgladstone@gmail.com

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LOCAL NEWS

With very grateful thanks to Darren, the new landlord of the Coach and Horses in Lyminge,

a new Friendship Group

for anyone living with dementia and their carers is starting on the second Tuesday of each month,

10.30-12 noon at the Coach and Horses, Lyminge.

This will offer an opportunity for those living with dementia to participate In gentle activities, and for carers to meet with one another, share experiences and learn new coping mechanisms.
If there is enough participation, these meetings will be expanded to Become more frequent. If you require free transport, this can also be available upon request.The dates booked so far are:

Tuesday 13 October
Tuesday 10 November
Tuesday 8 December

There will be no charge for these meetings, but it is hoped that attendees will support the pub by purchasing a hot drink and biscuits for around £2.20. Lunch can be available afterwards as well.
If you'd like to come along or for more information, please phone **Susan on 07734 383691**

60s Singalong



November Wordsearch

Have you had your FLU jab yet?
If not, you need to sort that out ! Stay safe!

This month's challenge is about those 'ology's.

Can you find these medical terms in the puzzle below?

M	C	F	D	I	I	S	N	P	X	S	W	C	I	A	B	C	W	Q	P
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District Council Update from Cllrs Stephen Scoffham and James Butcher

Our Green Canopy

Over the last 50 years, trees have come under increasing pressure across the district. Elm trees, which used to be abundant, have been killed by Dutch elm disease. More recently ash dieback has had a huge impact leaving large numbers of trees either dead, dying or in poor condition. At the same time many woodland areas have been poorly managed whilst the pressure on land has led to other areas being cleared. As climate conditions change due to global warming, the area has experienced unusually fierce storms (the 1987 hurricane), and periods of very heavy rainfall interspersed with months with hardly any rainfall at all. The latest summer which saw sustained record-breaking temperatures in excess of 30 degrees centigrade has added to this stress.

Trees are an essential part of the landscape of our area and are deeply valued both historically and culturally. They are essential for wildlife and protect the soil and help to mitigate floods by delaying run-off. In urban areas they provide much valued shade and amenity value, and they help to reduce extreme temperatures resulting from hard surfaces.

As the local plan is revised, we are asking for policies which:

Recognise the ecological, social and economic value of trees

Acknowledge the value of trees to human health, recreation and well-being

Identify how trees help to mitigate global warming and reduce levels of carbon dioxide in the atmosphere

Make a unique contribution to the character of the landscape.

The **Green Canopy** initiative has two elements – a project funded by F&HDC to co-ordinate tree-planting by community groups across the district, and a project to assess the potential for tree planting council housing land. In particular, we would like to see a commitment to planting and establishing trees which are disease and drought resistant and therefore better able to withstand climate change. Similar policies should also extend to hedges and 'green corridors' which play an important role in creating wildlife habitat. Such policies will chime with the United Nations Sustainable Development Goals, especially goal 15, 'Life on Land'.

North Downs Forum

The North Downs Forum brings together community groups, businesses, local councillors, and interested individuals. As well as sharing ideas and experience, we're now getting some collaborative projects underway:

The **North Downs Patchwork Farm** is an initiative to connect growers and growing spaces, to share seeds and produce, and to encourage and educate people interested in food growing. This could involve food banks, schools, allotments, farms for gleaning, gardening societies, as well as an older generation who may be less able physically to work outdoors, but have a lifetime of experience to pass on. If you'd like to know more or get involved contact james.butcher@folkestone-hythe.gov.uk

The **Friends of the Nailbourne** are a newly-established group whose aim is to monitor, protect and appropriately restore the health of the fragile biodiversity of the Nailbourne, and to raise awareness of and pride in our globally rare chalk stream among local residents, community groups, and schools. You can contact the group via friendsofthenailbourne@gmail.com

Community Energy: FHDC is planning a bid to the Great British Energy Community Fund to develop a locally-led community energy model. This would enable us to test the appetite for community energy around the district, work out how any schemes would be set up, and identify some viable projects. Part of that would be developing Parish Energy Plans (PEPs) in three areas of the district (North Downs, Romney Marsh, Folkestone Hythe). If you'd like to know more, or get involved, you can contact stephen.scoffham@folkestone-hythe.gov.uk

No.17 bus – as readers will know, in recent years the No.17 has seen a reduction in services: the last bus back from Canterbury is now 18:25 (compared with 23:15 for the No.16) with gaps between services growing to over an hour during the day (the No.16 generally runs three times an hour). Sojan Joseph MP is keen to support a campaign on this at Westminster, and wants to launch a petition to demonstrate public interest. It'll be an old-school paper one, the wording of which he'll suggest, and we'll need a team of people across our different communities to help gather signatures locally - let us know if you think you might be able to help via james.butcher@folkestone-hythe.gov.uk

Our next meeting will be 7pm, 12 November 2026, at Hawkinge Community Centre. We'll be joined by Sojan Joseph MP, to discuss the No. 17 bus campaign, along with our other projects. Do let us know if you would like to be added to the mailing list.

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Minutes of the Ordinary meeting of Elham Parish Council on 7th September 2026

Those Present: Councillors: K Lamb (Chair) C Chapman (Vice Chair) B Swan, G Clements, C Francis, K Allen and three members of the public.
Apologies: S Jacob & J Osbourne

To declare any Disclosable Pecuniary Interests (DPI), Other significant interests (OSI's) or a voluntary interest relating to items on the agenda.
None Declared

Public Contribution

A member of the public enquired again about the prospect of planting specimen trees and more hedges on the Gore and around the football pitch.
It was reiterated by councillors that this would be inappropriate. The suggestion of additional runs of hawthorn and blackthorn hedging was discounted owing to its thorny nature and proximity to sports areas and the potential risk it could pose to children using the area.
It was also noted that the land is only rented by the Parish Council on a short-term basis.
District Councillor Scoffham advised of his current tree planting initiative. Councillor Lamb advised that he had been in contact with some local landowners that might be willing to support and facilitate future tree planting projects. It was agreed that he and Cllr Scoffham would discuss potential opportunities.
A member of the public asked if a fixture list of football matches could be displayed for the benefit of nearby residents. There is a list of fixtures in the notice board at the Pavilion. It was noted that the Elham Valley Veterans Team plays on alternate Saturday mornings during the season, with another team playing on Sundays. In addition,
enquiries have been received from a ladies' team and a youth team regarding use of the pitch.
Income generated from pitch hire will contribute towards the refurbishment of the pavilion and the on-going maintenance costs of the Gore which is currently being improved into a sustainable and attractive venue for community use and hire.

Minutes- 1. **The Ordinary Meeting of the Parish Meeting held on 3rd August 2026 were approved and signed as a true record by the Chair of meeting.**

Chairman's Report – The second precept payment has now been received, and a meeting of the Finance Group will be arranged to review the Council's financial position and ensure it remains on track.

· Six applications were received for the Clerk/RFO vacancy, with interviews scheduled for the week commencing 14th September 2026. During the six-month vacancy period, approximately £10,000 has been saved through councillors sharing the Clerk's duties.
· Cllrs Lamb and Swan attended a KALC meeting to discuss proposals for local government reorganisation and the introduction of a unitary authority. The proposals were subsequently placed on hold from 7 September 2026.
· The Pavilion roof, which had recently undergone repairs, sustained damage because of vandalism. The damage was subsequently repaired by Cllrs Lamb and Swan.
· Play for Elham will be holding a Family Fun Day on 12 September to raise funds towards new equipment for the King George V Play Park.

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· The gift of woodland transfer remains with the solicitors and is progressing through the legal process.
· Rural Crime Week provides an opportunity for residents to take part in consultations and share suggestions. Further information is available on the Parish Council website.
· The Council extends its sincere thanks to Jan Frayne for producing the new labels for the fruit trees in the community orchard. The council would like to further thank Jan and Julie Cullingworth and their families for their ongoing hard work throughout a very dry summer maintaining the Community Orchard, including watering and mulching around the bases. This has ensured the survival of the trees. Thanks are also due to residents who kindly provided a water supply for this.
· The Council has gratefully received a generous donation of £200 from a local resident towards the cost of painting the Pavilion.
Committees – Terms of Reference – C&A Committee – reviewed and agreed.
Finance
1. The Accounts from August 2026 were agreed as a true record and were signed by the Chairman of the meeting.
2. The Bank Reconciliation from August 2026 was agreed as true record and was signed by the Chairman of the meeting.
3. The August 2026 invoices were agreed, and payments were approved.
Planning
The following applications were considered and comments agreed:
***26/1243/FH/TCA* - Bankside, High Street, Elham, Canterbury, CT4 6SY - Works to trees in a conservation area comprising of T1 Goat Willow pollard to 4 metres- No objection**
***26/1266/FH* – Heathwood Lodge, Wheelbarrow Town, Stelling Minnis CT4 6AH – Single storey rear extension & remodelling of the property including rooflights, replacement windows, doors, and roof covering – No Objection**
26/1244/FH/TCA – Mill House, The Row, Elham CT4 6UL – Works to trees in a conservation area comprising of T1 Prunus and T2 Elder fell to ground level and G1 Sycamores pollard to 4 metres –No Objection

To note any decisions made by Folkestone and Hythe District Council:
***26/0757/FH* - Elham Church Of England Primary School, Vicarage Lane, Elham, Canterbury, CT4 6TT - Works to trees subject to TPO No 01 of 1955 Elham RDC comprising of T2, T3 & T6 Beech crown lift by 5 metres removing 5 lower branches approximately 9 metres laterally and 3.5 metres vertically. FHDC Decision – Approved with Conditions**
***26/0902/FH/TCA* - Elham Church Of England Primary School, Vicarage Lane, Elham, CT4 6TT - Works to trees in a conservation area comprising of T1 prune to clear branches away from overhead cables to allow for at least a 1m clearance, T4 Sycamore to reduce crown by 5 metres laterally & vertically, and T5 Field Maple to be felled to ground level. – FHDC Decision – No objections**
***26/0924/FH* Ottinge Court Farm, Canterbury Road, Ottinge, Canterbury, CT4 6XH Erection of a replacement farm building for cattle following demolition of the existing structure. FHDC Decision – Approved with Conditions**
***26/0950/FH* Rigdens, The Square, Elham, Canterbury, CT4 6TJ Listed Building Consent for removal of internal wall and access to existing chimney for woodburner. FHDC Decision - Refused.**
***26/0802/FH* Little Droveway, Droveway, Stelling Minnis, Canterbury, CT4 6AJ Change of use of part existing equestrian barn to an equine veterinary office with mezzanine floor level (Class E(e)), together with ramp and balustrade to Southwest elevation and the retention of external doors. FHDC Decision – Approved with Conditions**
26/1081/FH/TCA The Old School House, The Square, Elham, Canterbury, CT4 6TJ Works to trees in a conservation area comprising of T1 Bay, crown reduction of 3 metres vertically and 0.5 metres laterally. T2 Holm Oak, T3 Viburnum & T4 Damson, crown lift to 4.2 metres above ground level. T5 Larch, crown lift to 5 metres above ground level. FHDC Decision – No objections

Highways - – Kent County Council's Highways Improvement Plan (HIP) remains a work in progress and an update will be provided at the October meeting.
Cllr Francis attended a Southern Water Community Engagement event on 4 September, hosted by Sojan Joseph MP. The meeting was well attended, with more than 30 residents present to discuss the ongoing flooding issues at the lower end of Duck Street and the measures being implemented ahead of the winter period. A key issue identified was the need to line sections of the sewer network to prevent groundwater ingress. Southern Water also advised that, going forward, smaller tankers will be used within the village, with larger holding tanks located outside the village. This approach is expected to reduce noise, minimise road damage, and lessen disruption to residents.

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Defibrillator - – to be discussed in further detail at the next C&A meeting, covering costings and potential sites for additional defibrillators. For the time being continuing with Hopkins for maintenance agreement.

Church Wall - Cllrs Lamb and Swan met with a contractor from Integral Brickwork Limited to review the agreed rolling maintenance plan, with works scheduled to commence in late September. Following a site walkaround, it was agreed that Duck Street should be prioritised. It was noted that the ivy growing on the wall will need to be treated and killed before removal to avoid damaging the structure. The maintenance programme will be delivered over a three-year period, with work undertaken in two-week phases.

The Gore- Suggestions were put forward to enhance the facilities at The Gore, including the creation of a perimeter running track, installation of outdoor gym equipment, and provision of a covered area for activities such as yoga. It was discussed the possibility of locating outdoor gym equipment at the King George V Recreation Ground, noting the potential health and wellbeing benefits for users aged 12 and above.
In response to ongoing incidents of anti-social behaviour, three CCTV quotations were considered. It was agreed to proceed with Option 2 at a cost of £2,518 plus VAT. The selected system will provide high-definition coverage, together with recording and playback capabilities.
Councillors reviewed the outstanding works required to improve the pavilion and storage containers. These include repairing and cladding the rear of the pavilion with treated feather-edge boarding finished in black barn paint, constructing an internal stud wall within the containers, replacing sections of rotten flooring, removing the existing shower and toilet cubicles, installing new shower panelling, and disposing of all waste materials. It was agreed to proceed with the quotation for these works at a cost of £4,426 plus VAT.
Cllrs expressed their gratitude to The Kings Arms, which has generously offered to provide flooring and other materials free of charge. It was noted that future rental income from the facilities will help offset ongoing grounds maintenance costs and support the long-term sustainability of the site.
The proposed King George V pathway project has been approved in principle. It was agreed to allocate £2,000 towards the cost of creating an all-weather surfaced path with appropriate edging. It was anticipated that the Community Payback Team may be able to undertake the labour element of the project, although a contractor would be required to carry out the preparatory groundworks.

Grounds Maintenance - It was agreed to defer discussion of the maintenance plan for mowing, hedges, and verges until the October meeting, pending a detailed report from the Environmental Group.

Environment - A request for funding of £150 was received from the Environment Group to support a screening of the film People's Emergency Briefing. The funding would cover Village Hall room hire and advertising costs. District Cllr, Stephen Scoffham agreed that this was ideal for consideration under his Ward Grant scheme.

Correspondence -The receipt of correspondence was noted, and any required actions agreed.
Date of next meeting and Close - The next meeting will be the Ordinary meeting of the Parish Council on Monday 5th October 2026 at 7.30pm. There being no further business the meeting closed at 9.30pm.

'The Man's Book' by Thomas Fink ,

a book that advises men on appropriate behaviour, published in 2006. This month is a continuation of October's text about shoe polishing.

There are two main methods of polishing. The first is described on the back of a Kiwi tin. In 1906 Australians William Ramsay and Hamilton McKellan introduced their black boot polish, called Kiwi. The first successful polish for brown shoes—dark tan—followed in 1908 and during the First World War Kiwi was adopted by the British army. Kiwi polish is now available in 12 varieties.
A more laborious method, known as spit and shine or sweating, is used to obtain the mirror-like finish particularly prized on black shoes. The finish is much more handsome than patent, whose gloss comes from a coating of plastic. The technique involves no brushes, but is entirely done with a cloth wrapped around the fingers and kept moist (not wet) by dipping into water. Using the cloth, rub a small amount of polish vigorously but lightly into a small area of the shoe until it is no longer cloudy. Repeat this process many dozens of times until the leather begins to resemble a black mirror. Editor

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Changes to the Planning System – What This Means for Elham

From **31 October 2026**, new rules will change how some planning applications are dealt with by the District Council.
The main change is that **parish councils and local district councillors will have less ability to ask for a planning application to be considered by the District Council's Planning Committee**.

What does this mean?
Planning applications will be divided into two groups:
Schedule 1: This includes many smaller applications, such as householder extensions, smaller commercial developments, and residential developments of up to nine homes. These applications will be decided by planning officers and **cannot be referred to the Planning Committee**.
Schedule 2: This includes applications such as those involving listed buildings and retrospective planning applications. These could still go before the Planning Committee, but only if they meet certain tests relating to significant local economic, social, environmental, or planning policy issues.

What does this mean for Elham Parish Council?
Currently, the Parish Council or a local ward councillor can ask for an application to be considered by the Planning Committee.
From 31 October, they will **no longer be able to do this directly**.
For Schedule 2 applications, the Parish Council or ward councillor can instead ask for the application to be considered through a new **"gateway" process**. The Chair of the Planning Committee and the Chief Planning Officer will then decide whether the application meets the required threshold to go before the committee.
The District Council has indicated that this threshold will be high.

Can residents still comment on planning applications?
Yes, absolutely.
Residents can still submit comments supporting or objecting to planning applications, and **Elham Parish Council will continue to consider and comment on applications affecting the village**.
However, planning decisions must be based on relevant **planning considerations**. This means that simply having a large number of objections will not, on its own, determine the outcome.
It is therefore important to explain **why** you support or object to an application, using planning reasons wherever possible. These might include concerns about the size or design of a development, its impact on neighbouring properties, highways or parking, heritage, landscape, or the character of the area, where relevant to the application.

In short
The Parish Council **can still comment and represent local views**, and residents **can and should continue to have their say**.
What is changing is the ability to get certain applications considered by the District Council's Planning Committee. For some applications this will no longer be possible, while for others there will be a more restricted process.
The new arrangements are due to be reviewed in **May 2027**.
Elham Parish Council will continue to keep residents informed about significant planning applications and encourages residents to submit their own comments to the District Council where they have relevant planning concerns.

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Kent County Councillor Update Report for Parishes, 13 October 2026

Judicial Review of Government's Decision on Local Government Reorganisation

KCC has submitted a legal challenge over the government's decision on local government reorganisation in Kent after repeated requests for an explanation of why and how the decision was reached went unanswered. Whilst the government has recently announced a review and pause to the local government reorganisation process, the original decision to divide Kent into four Unitary authorities remains in place. With the legal deadline to challenge that decision approaching, KCC has taken steps to protect Kent's interests whilst continuing to press the government for answers. Reorganisation would impact massively on residents, so KCC believes that the public should be informed about how decisions were reached, whilst ensuring that it stands up for residents.

Water Resilience Partnership

At KCC's invitation, leaders from water companies, regulators, local authorities, environmental organisations, business and farming attended the inaugural Kent Water Resilience Partnership meeting. KCC's initiative follows significant water interruptions in the past year and growing concerns about the long-term pressures facing water resources. So, the County Council brought together organisations that have a role in the planning, managing, regulating and protecting Kent's water future. Planning took place to ensure the communication continues moving forward, to strengthen water resilience in Kent. Thanks to the many thousands of people who submitted their thoughts prior to the first meeting, which formed the agenda for the day.

Armed Forces Covenant

KCC has pledged its support for the Armed Forces Covenant as a promise to ensure those who serve or have served, and their families, are treated fairly. KCC has pledged to ensure armed forces communities will not be disadvantaged in accessing KCC services as a result of their service in the military.

Active Travel Business Grants

Amounts of up to £5,000 are available for small businesses and not-for-profit organisations providing projects for walking, cycling and wheeling. There is a tight deadline, so visit KCCs website at www.kent.gov.uk for details.

Waste

KCC is now at its highest-ever waste recycling level. Currently, 99.6% of municipal waste is kept out of landfill.

KCC manages the 'Kent Community Waste Prevention Fund' through which grants of between £500 and £5,000 are allocated to schemes that promote recycling. Details can be found on the KCC website at www.kent.gov.uk.

Grants for Bus Shelters

Parishes have been invited to apply for this scheme, managed by KCC, so this is just a reminder for them.

Member Community Grants

Small community grants in the region of £250 or £500 are available to non-profit-making, constituted groups with a bank account. Due to the rules about spending prior to impending local elections in May 2027, the funding should be allocated as soon as possible. So organisations interested in applying for a small grant, whether for an event, equipment costs or a programme of activity, should inform me by email to get the ball rolling as soon as possible (Christopher.Hespe@kent.gov.uk).

Chris Hespe
Kent County Councillor for Elham Valley, and Cabinet Member for Local Government Efficiency and Reorganisation

Lovely flowers

Two flower containers have appeared on the newly-restored pillars at the Vicarage Lane entrance to the churchyard. They are the work and inspiration of Virginie Barrois, who lives opposite in the Old Vicarage, and her gardener Ray.
The team have undertaken to look after the planters with seasonal plants and flowers. Look out for heathers and ivy this winter, and a colourful spring display is also being planned.
Thank you to Virginie and Ray for this cheerful addition. Who knows? It might inspire others in the village to install and adopt a planter near their home!



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KNOW YOUR NEIGHBOUR



Colin Howard *is known as the guy who walks around the village using his trekking poles to stop him falling over. He has agreed to be the neighbour we can get to know this month.*

How long have you been part of the Elham Community?	My wife and two young daughters moved into a cottage between Parkgate and Bladbean in 1974. In the early 1980s we moved my mother down from Lancashire and bought both Southdown cottages from Miss Smith who was Derek Boughton's teacher. I have lived here ever since.
What do you consider your greatest achievement to date?	Probably teaching pupils who went on to become doctors, nurses, physios, pharmacists, dentists and vets. I was a biology teacher in Ashby de la Zouche near Leicester, Kidlington, just north of Oxford, Folkestone Technical High School for Girls and finally Ashford School where I taught girls from all over the world.
When were you happiest?	When Lilian and I explored Britain in our campervan in the 1990s. We went all over the place. We did one incredible trip when we went across to South Wales to see my daughter, up to North Wales to meet up with friends and then to the Food Festival in Ludlow.
What did you want to be when you were growing up?	I wanted to be a professional rugby player for St Helens. I started watching rugby from the age of 4. My dad had other ideas. He wanted me to be a teacher and coach rugby. Sadly he never got to know of my success, as he died when I was in the sixth form at school.
What keeps you awake at night?	Lots of things! Workmen who either don't turn up or don't answer their phones or emails. That'll do!
What is the most important lesson life has taught you?	Make friends. Then there are always people you can talk to. I have friends all over the country whom I can ring up for a chat and a catch up.
Which village event do you most look forward to?	The Open Gardens, combined with the Farmer's Market in the summer. I like making cakes for the tea at the Old Vicarage … any excuse to make a cake!
Tell us three activities that keep you busy?	-Cooking and Baking. I bake bread every week and cook most days. It is one of the few hobbies that I can still do. -Gardening. My garden is designed for wildlife, with lots of trees. -Playing bridge on a Tuesday evening at Etchinghill Village Hall. I have played for a long time and have had several partners over the years.
What one change in the village would improve your life?	More benches around the village so that people like me can carry on walking around the village.
Cat, dog or goldfish?	Dog, of course. My aunt used to have failed guide dogs who arrived by train and I helped look after them. I have had three dogs in Elham. Tessie was a Border Collie crossed Red Setter, she was with the family in the 1970s and won rosettes in the village dog shows. Our next dog Rosie, was a smooth coated Border Collie, and finally Rowan... he was three quarters Border Collie and one quarter New Zealand Huntaway. Rowan was an avid TV viewer, especially watching it on my laptop in the camper van. All the dogs are buried in our back garden, each with their own tree.
What is the worst job you have ever done?	Measuring the iron content of sand. My dad worked for Pilkington Glass manufacturers and as a student I had a job there. The first year was great because I was analysing pollution samples from within the factory, but the second year I was measuring the iron content of sand. Basically, you had to use hydrofluoric acid to dissolve the sand. I was the only one in the team without burns. The BEST job I ever did was as a student I worked for Walls and made huge pork pies for the Christmas market on the 12- hour night shift. We were paid extra for working during the night.
Tell us a joke.	A young curate is asked by the head teacher of the local school to talk to the boys about the facts of life. He is a bit embarrassed so tells his wife that he is talking about sailing. A few weeks later, his wife meets the head who tells her what a good talk it was. She is very surprised, she said, because he has only done it twice, the first time he was sick and the second time his hat blew off.
What would the people of Elham not know about you?	I used to own and race a sailing dinghy at a gravel pit between Hythe and Dymchurch. I ended up being Sailing Secretary and Membership secretary for Hythe Redoubt in the 1990s.
Last thoughts, final word.	Always look on the bright side of life.

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Remembrance 2026 - An Appeal



There will be the usual parade from The Square along the moving traffic High Street to the War Memorial where the Service of Remembrance will be held. The service will begin around 10.50 am and will include a two-minute silence at 11.00am ending with The Last Post, and will include a wreath -laying and a 'roll call' of all those from Elham who laid down their lives in military conflict. A speech or two may be made and a few wooden poppy crosses will be laid, joining those laid by our school pupils at their own service on Friday 6th November. The parade will then return to The Square.

It is hoped that Toby Dingle will lead both parades on his trusty steed as in previous years.

Please do attend at the war memorial if you are able.

Keith Mortimer.

Twinners remember



A small delegation from our twin village of Ambleteuse will be attending our Remembrance Day ceremony on Sunday 8 November. Then a few days later, a small Elham delegation will attend the French ceremony on 11 November in Ambleteuse.



The idea for the exchange came from our local Royal British Legion organisers. It was felt these visits were an ideal way to pay respect on either side of the Channel and an opportunity to strengthen our friendship and understanding of our neighbours.

We hope people from Elham will take this opportunity to say hello to our French friends and show them a warm welcome. There will be a further opportunity to meet them in the Methodist Hall after the ceremony, when all those attending are invited to tea and coffee, generously provided by the Royal British Legion.

In December, we will be organising a fun evening of wine tasting and canapes in St Mary's Hall. Although this is primarily reserved for twinning members, others are most welcome to join us and find out more about the Elham Ambleteuse Twinning Association.

The wine tasting takes place on Saturday 5 December at 7pm, and costs £10. To find out more and book (subject to places left), please email Anne on twinningea@gmail.com

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Art commissions undertaken
in all media

Pip Hope - artist
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LOCAL NEWS

A big thank you from "7 Elham Artists "





As many of you are aware, we took over our wonderful St Mary's Church during the weekend of 3rd and 4th October to display our works of art and connect with this lovely community and further afield. We think you'll agree it makes a stunning venue.

It takes a determined team of people to put on such an event and we want to publicly thank the following individuals without whom we simply couldn't have managed….

Deborah and the entire team of St Mary's Church volunteers who let nothing stand in our way. So welcoming, helpful and supportive.

Simon Foster and Mike Gallagher from local sound and light company How Now Productions who lifted the entire thing with their atmospheric lighting design (especially noticeable during our Friday night private view) and just generally putting their hand to anything.

Eddie Nelson who transported the huge display boards on his trailer from village hall to church.

Tom Rowe of Rowe Creative in Elham and his 2 energetic pals who moved the boards and heavy pews like they were balsa wood.

And most of all, thank YOU for supporting your local art scene!

Chris Burrows, Phil Capon, Sarah Drake, Teresa Gallagher, Pauline Gladstone, Clare Hamilton, Pip Hope

One church, seven artists…

Our beautiful church of St Mary's was the setting for an equally beautiful art exhibition in early October, showcasing the incredible talent of seven Elham artists.

The 7 Elham Artists Exhibition attracted more than 500 visitors over two days, who were bowled over by the varied art on display, enhanced by the atmospheric lighting and music provided by Simon Foster and Michael Gallagher of How Now Productions.

A more modest exhibition in the Methodist Church two years ago served as practice for this more ambitious event, which is destined to become a bi-annual fixture.

Many of the seven artists went to art college before pursuing careers in commercial art, design, teaching and architecture. Most also say that they are relishing the opportunity to now be free of commercial constraints to explore art, often inspired by the beautiful environment in which we live.

Styles and materials were varied, from Sarah Drake's abstract paintings and Clare Hamilton's atmospheric landscapes and seascapes, using acrylic, to Pauline Gladstone-Barrett's large acrylic and pastel pieces inspired by walking with others in the Elham Valley. Pip Hope's work is constantly evolving but is predominantly inspired by nature, Phil Capon's pieces are bold and highly colourful, while Chris Burrows explores colour and geometry in two and three dimensions.

And lastly, Teresa Gallagher displayed work using graphite pencils and felt work. Alongside her career as a professional actress, she signed up for a botanical drawing and painting course in 2025 and has not looked back. Teresa demonstrates that with a little inspiration it's never too late to discover your inner artist!

Elham School exhibited two art pieces from each year group created during an art week. The artists hope to build on these connections with new art projects in school.

Visitors from near and far came, bought, admired, and here are some of their comments. Of the church, "it looks like it's always been like this"; "a real celebration of art in our church"; "I haven't been in church for 30 years and there's a lovely atmosphere".

The artists are delighted with the success of the exhibition, the connections they made, the atmosphere in the church. Most of all, they are very grateful to the church for offering them such a warm welcome in this unique venue.

PS: no one knows what the many dogs who visited the exhibition thought about it all! AL

Do You Enjoy a Walk?

Our Newsletter deliverers serve all parts of the parish, but sometimes they need a break. We can always use volunteers who enjoy a walk, to help deliver the monthly Newsletter. Please contact Janet Pain if you can spare time once a month or occasionally to cover absence.

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COME AND JOIN US FOR OUR CHRISTMAS MARKET!

Join us on **Sunday 13th December** for a festive morning featuring **40+ stalls**, unique gifts, delicious treats and plenty of Christmas cheer!
The market opens at **11am**, officially opened by the wonderful **Pam Ferris**, with **Santa arriving at 11.30am**. Santa will be in his grotto until **1.30pm**, so bring the little ones along!

Shopping & Gifts
Enjoy favourites including The Tasty Tea Company, Gilda Bakery, Sussex Wildfood, Rotherwood Butchers, BoatHouse Fisheries, The Copper Kettle and Cheesemakers of Canterbury, plus beautiful handmade Christmas wreaths from **Liz Newington**.

Crafts & Festive Goodies
Discover fantastic craft stalls, including Kirsty Knits, Helen Baxter Pottery, Hearts Deco and Jackdaw and Bear. The Chancel Café will also be open for refreshments.

Food & Drink
The King's Arms will be joining the celebrations with a BBQ and outdoor bar.

Christmas Raffle
Don't forget your raffle tickets! Every penny raised will support this year's chosen charity, **Children and Young People's Cancer Association**.

A huge thank you to the **Shepway & Canterbury Advertiser** and **Bridge & Villages Magazine** for helping spread the word.

Elham Gardening Society

What an amazing year - a glorious summer followed by a reasonable autumn so far - lovely days, warm sunshine and occasional, welcome rain.
The Society's main event recently was the Bulb sale and Coffee morning held on 3rd October. A pleasant morning brought a lot of customers to our doors - more I think than usual which was very gratifying. There were masses of bulbs, lots of lovely plants, lots of plant/seed swaps and, of course, a cake stall. They all did pretty well and the visitors looked very happy. A very sociable and successful morning.
The next event is the Annual Dinner on 6th November - we hope lots of you have tickets and are looking forward to a happy, chatty evening.
Looking further ahead, our A.G.M. will be held in December followed by the Christmas party - watch out for details.
The Speaker on 19th November will be Alex. Cairns who will talk about No Dig gardening. Very interesting for most of us. - Don't miss it! Frances Horton. - 840550.

Elham FRIENDSHIP LUNCH CLUB

Scams, and how to avoid them



October's Friendship Lunch Club was all about scams. Most of us know someone who has been a victim, whether from rogue traders, dodgy phone calls, suspicious emails, the list is endless and frightening.

Neil Butcher, KCC Trading Standards Officer, was the speaker who endeavoured to explain the various types of scams we can fall for, and how to avoid them.

It could be a call from your bank, the DVLA, the DWP, HMRC, a call on your landline or mobile phone. There are plenty of ways to protect yourself, and phone numbers where to report suspected scams. You can block calls to your landline with your telephone provider; a mobile preference service is also available by texting TPS in capital letters to 85095. Obviously never give out your bank details, and don't accept calls from banks: ring your regular bank number. Don't keep potential scammers talking to waste their time, as they may clone your voice. Ensure you take off your name and address from discarded mail, and from prescription bags – your NHS number can lead to ID cloning. Not all traders on Checkatrade are what they say but you can check they have been vetted on kent.gov.uk/tschecked. Beware of online dating when you never see the person who then starts asking for money.

It's a frightening world, but Trading Standards are here to help make it safe. It's also a useful idea to sign up for KCC Public Protection alert emails about scams, doorstep criminals and doorstep sellers on www.kent.gov.uk/consumeralerts
There is lot of further useful information on the official website kent.gov.uk/business/trading-standards

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From making benches to learning to knit, it's all happening at the Shed



Elham Community Shed is now firmly established in some villagers' weekly routine, and new members are always welcome.

Up to eight people regularly attend on Thursdays and Saturday mornings, and you can see evidence of the work carried out, not least in the lovely bench which is now an ideal resting place outside our new Londis shop. The shed team are frequently looking for good quality construction timber in good condition for future projects, please get in touch if you have some that you no longer need.





Some members work on their own projects: one is restoring an old window frame, another a table, with help and guidance at the Shed.

Others learn new skills. A 'learn to knit session' with Renee Bull was particularly successful, with participants learning about different yarns, their uses and fabric construction. How to read a knitting pattern is the next session on offer.







Our primary school can proudly display a new banner which Shed members created all from recycled materials. Another member is making toothbrush holders for the school.

A donation of tools and unwanted equipment has been made to TWAM for repair and refurbishment to support self - reliance project overseas.

The programme for November:

November 7th: 10am. Christmas decorations. Payment to be made for materials used.

November 21st: Candle making with Roger. £10 for members, £15 for non-members, donations for tea and coffee. 8 people have signed up. A few places left

Message from Roger:

On Saturday 21st November we are going to make some beeswax candles ready for the dark evenings! We will start at 10.00am and try to end at about 12.30pm. Tea and coffee provided. As per last year you should leave with 4 tea lights, one rolled candle in a jar and an 8-inch dipped candle plus the knowledge of how to make them yourselves. If you have an apron please bring it along in case of any wax splashes. Limited to 10 participants – please book by sending an email to:- elhamshed@gmail.com

November 28th: Wreath making with Renee and Jim. This session is fully booked.

The Shed will close for Christmas from 26 December to 2 January.
The final session will be on Saturday 19 December.
The first session in 2027 will be on Thursday 7 January.

Looking to 2027, January 9 is the membership renewal party. The bar will be open, come and enjoy cheese and nibbles, there will be live music by Off Grid. It's an opportunity to meet other members and find out more about the Shed.

Follow us on Facebook – email us for info and to book on elhamshed@gmail.com

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Tickets are selling fast for our major Fundraiser – **Toccata & Treats: A Candlelit Soiree on Saturday 14 November at 7pm**. A welcome drink and canapes come with your ticket and there will be a bar supported by the Kings Arms. And, of course, magnificent organ music in a magical setting during the evening.

It promises to be a very special occasion and now even more special as there will be a silent auction for a week in a luxury villa on the delightful Ionian Greek island of Lefkas, generously donated by Sue and Michael Stanford Tuck.

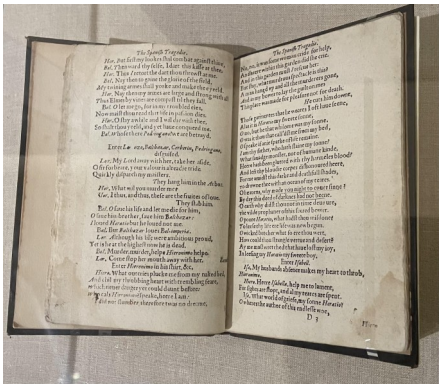
All proceeds will go to FoSM and will support our continuing programme of improvements to our historic parish church for the benefit of all of the community.

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Elham Parish Library

On February 10th 1809, one-time Elham resident, Lee Warly left a significant collection of over 1,300 16th and 17th century books to the Parish of Elham.

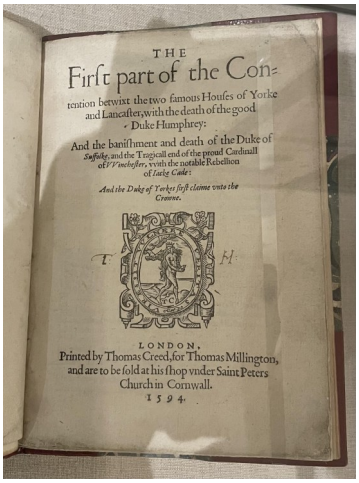


The books together with his bookcases and writing desk were held in Elham church. Since 1913 the library has been loaned to Canterbury Cathedral archives.

It is now possible to see two books from our library on display at The Beaney in Canterbury, as part of the Christopher Marlowe exhibition.

You will need to be quick as the exhibition finishes on Sunday 22nd November (closed Mondays).

Bryan Badham


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NOTICES for November

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

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Churches Together in Elham Valley

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1st November – All Saints Day
0800 Said Holy Communion

1500 – Service of Commemoration of our Loved Ones Departed for All Souls – at Lyminge Church

Lectionary readings:

Revelation 7:9-end; Psalm 34: 1-10; John 3:1-3; Matthew 5:1-12;

8th November – 3rd Sunday before Advent/Remembrance Sunday

1040 Parade to War Memorial for 1050 Act of Remembrance, followed by Service of the Word

Lectionary readings:
Amos 5 :18-24; Psalm 70; 1 Thess 4:13- end; Matthew 25: 1-13

15th November – 2nd Sunday before Advent

0930 Eucharist

Lectionary readings:

Zephaniah 1:7,12-18; Psalm 90: 1-8,12; 1 Thess 5:1-11; Matthew 25: 14-30

22nd November – Sunday next before Advent/Christ the King

0930 Morning Service

Lectionary readings:
Ezekiel 34:11-16,20-24; Psalm 95: 1-7; Ephesians 1:15—end; Matthew 25: 31-end

29th November – 1st Sunday of Advent

1100 Sung Eucharist for Advent at Canterbury Cathedral
Lectionary readings:

Isaiah 64:1-9; Psalm 80:1-8; 1 Cor 1:3-9; Mark 13:24-end

Elham Methodist Church

(all at 9.30am unless otherwise stated)

Services for November
1st Valley United Service 1015 at Rhodes Minnis
8th War Memorial 1045

15th United Service at Rhodes Minnis

22nd Valley United Service 1015 at Lyminge

29th Café Church at St Andrew's

Volunteer needed - PCC Secretary

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Please could you help by accurately capturing in writing the discussions, motions, and decisions of the Parochial Church Council, and once a year to collate reports (written by others) for the APCM meeting.

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Events for the December Notice sheet Please send to Margaret Keeble by 5th of each preceding month. m.keeble@outlook.com

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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 church. Please take a copy to give to those unable to access the internet.

As many readers will be aware, Reverend Carol Bates is in the process of taking up a new post in the north west of the country.
With fewer resources in our parishes it will not be possible to provide a regular reflection for inclusion in newsletters or village magazines.
However, we will ensure that details of church services and events continue to be communicated regularly.
Once a new rector is installed they will no doubt review the situation.
Do please contact any of the churchwardens whose details are publicised on the Elham Valley Group of Churches website, or our benefice administrator, with any queries.
With every blessing.
Rev Sharon Paine

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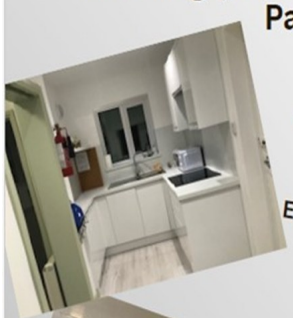
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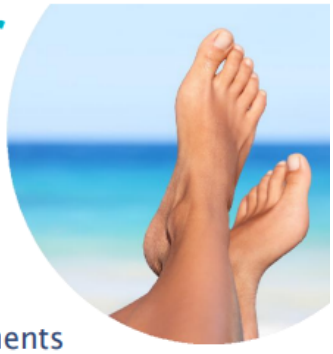
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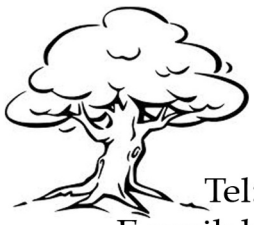
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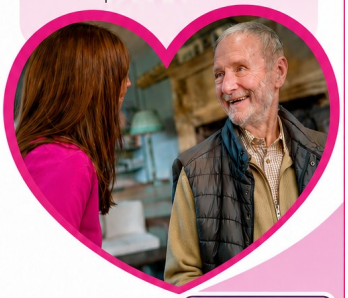
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