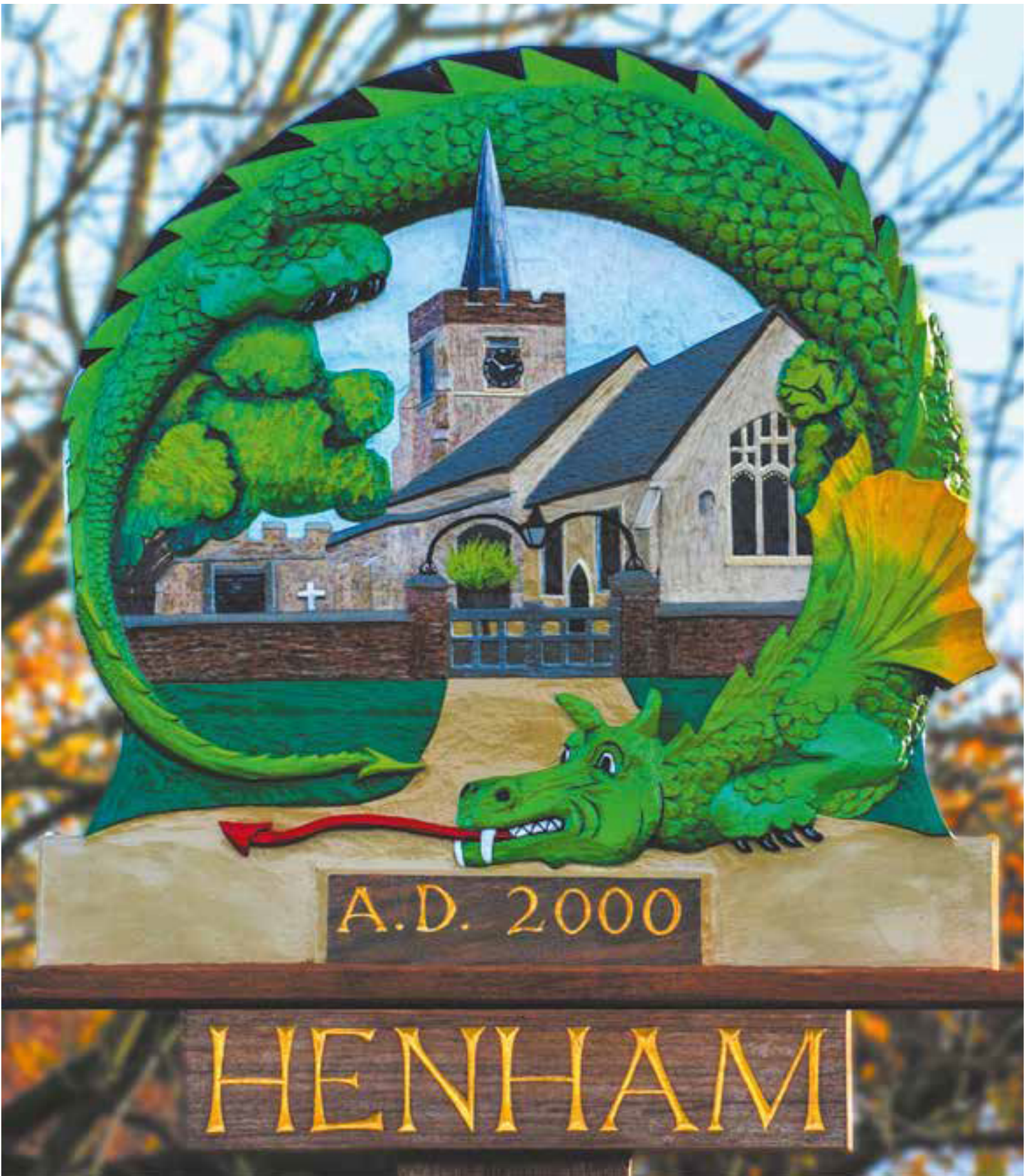


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## **Editorial**

This month's editorial is short and sweet, to enable a late submission to be squeezed in. As we head towards the winter we have a whole range of events and activities lined up for us to look forward to; much of which has been entered onto the Village Calendar and into the Village Diary. The magazine is yet again packed with interesting news and useful information. Enjoy your read.

**Pushpa**

## **Dear Editor,**

### **Henham and Ugley Primary School Renovations!**

As a resident of Henham for over fifty years and one of the first teachers at the then 'new' school, and three children who were happy pupils there, I have been privileged to observe the school as it has gone through many changes and additions. However, I felt I had to congratulate the brilliant team of village residents who have worked so hard both inside and outside, to transform the school during the summer holidays. It is a sparkling credit to everyone involved.

There are so many people who have played leading roles, that it is difficult to single out individuals but thank you to everyone. Henham, yet again has proven to be an amazing village.

**Ros Heywood**, Sunnymede, Mill Road

## **Henham Village Hall News**

It's wonderful to witness the growing popularity of our newly renovated hall. Check out the Village Calendar and the Village Diary for what's going on. For further information on:

- Dinky Dragons - visit [facebook.com/dinkydragonsofhenham](https://facebook.com/dinkydragonsofhenham).
- Karate Academy – enquiries to [pkaoffice@yahoo.com](mailto:pkaoffice@yahoo.com).
- Jumble Sale, Christmas Market, and 'Bottomless Afternoon Tea' – details and / or tickets please contact Jane Rose at 07752321094.

Don't forget that Henham Parish Council's community grant is still open for applications to kickstart and establish valuable community activities. Grants of up to £500 per application are available, payable directly to the Village Hall to cover initial hiring costs. For more information on this exciting opportunity and for details of the application process, please email [mfisherhpe@gmail.com](mailto:mfisherhpe@gmail.com) or [clerk@henham-pc.gov.uk](mailto:clerk@henham-pc.gov.uk)

Lastly, we invite you to become a committee member and have your say in shaping community events held in our newly refurbished hall. To express your interest in joining the team, please email [info@henhamvillagehall.co.uk](mailto:info@henhamvillagehall.co.uk).

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# A Thank You from the Co-Chairs of Henham & Ugley School

Dear Villagers,

Thank you all once again for the phenomenal effort made over five weeks of the summer holidays to refresh our school. We were overwhelmed with the level of support we were given. In summary:

## Our First Henham and Ugley School Community Project – School Summer Refresh

Five weeks of community effort including labour, donated materials, income generation, and gifted equipment enabled:

- Painting of classrooms and communal areas
- Creation of a sensory room
- Creation of an IT room
- Tidy of all school grounds
- Makeover of the staff room
- Painting of front exterior
- Plus, many more needed improvements.....

And a massive thank you to the wonderful villagers for painting, DIY, maintenance, pruning, landscaping, cleaning, and repair.

*Project cost - £70,000.00 – all donated!!*

*Time donated - 280 days!!*

Thank you to the following businesses and individuals for their contributions and donations:

School PSA – financial donation

Councillors Lee & Donald - financial donation

Ian Austin – King Kleen Carpet and Upholstery, carpet clean

Dave - Brewers (Saffron Walden), paint and decorating materials

Gary & Jan King - scaffold

Steve Harvey – Graphix - External signage

Dan and Anna Sedgebeer - Prontoprint (Bishops Stortford), school brochure

Bedec – external paint

Colemans – classroom paint

Clive and Jo – Redhorn Services Ltd, Staffroom and staff toilet makeover

The Prop Up Project – furniture, appliances, and accessories for staff room

Ian Gray – Silverton Aggregates & Building Merchants, gravel for car park  
Anna Porter - computer equipment for IT room  
Jonathon Leech, -welder services for gates and fencing  
Gaye Willis - Planteria, plant pots and plants  
Sean Corr - skip hire and gravel  
Davis Gidney – Gidney Vehicle Services, donation and trailer supply  
Mark – Flooring Brothers, Carpet for the sanctuary and sensory room  
Darrell Scrimshaw - window cleaning  
Gareth Heard - Heard Brothers, building survey  
Emma - JDC Paints, Bishops Stortford  
Isobel and Brian Brooks – plants and gardening materials  
Danny Platten – building materials  
Debra Packford - paint

As mentioned in last month's article, this was the first project under the umbrella of the Henham and Ugley Community Partnership (HUCP). We would like all those who want to continue their support of our lovely school to attend an event on the 6<sup>th</sup> of October at 4pm for a chance to hear from Mr Davey our new Headteacher and our Co-Chairs on our plans, the ongoing challenges and how you can become involved. The Board of Governors will offer insight into the resources and skills we need, share details of volunteering opportunities that you can sign up to and have a chance to look around the school. If you would like to attend, please let us know via [volunteer@henhamugley.essex.sch.uk](mailto:volunteer@henhamugley.essex.sch.uk).

**Mary Compton & Jo Goldsmith**, Co-Chairs, Henham and Ugley Primary and Nursery School

## **A Thank You to Graham Monk**

The Henham Parish Council would like to thank Graham Monk for his work on restoring the two signage signs on Old Mead Road. The signs are old and made of cast iron and had got into a dilapidated condition. Graham has restored them to a beautiful condition and HPC is very grateful for his efforts which he gave voluntarily. Graham also built and installed the Duck House in the Village Pond opposite the shop. Graham, you are Henhams 'Repair Shop' and you do a great job.

**Nick Baker**, Chair, Henham Parish Council



# Henham & Ugley School

What an amazing start to term it has been. All the children are settling really well into their new year groups, getting to know their new teachers and our 'younglings' have started their school lives incredibly well.

In the past month we have been so busy with exciting community events such as BBQs, Meet the Teacher Presentations, and a 'Shakespeare Day' where we were visited by Blue Sky Theatre Company who intrigued the children with William Shakespeare's plays and really brought to life the comedy within them. We also hosted a Macmillan Coffee Morning to raise money for this very worthy cause.

In October we have more events planned including our Harvest Festival, World Space Week, National Poetry Day, leading up to Halloween and half term.

I am so humbled by the positive comments from you all at the gates in the morning about the flags, the morning music; and you have made me feel really welcome. I want to thank you all for that.

We are still looking for volunteers to offer some time with listening to readers or assisting in class. The school will need to carry out a DBS check. Speak to the school office if this is something you can assist with.

If you are looking for a new school for your child, I personally would love to show you around. Contact [admin@henhamugley.essex.sch.uk](mailto:admin@henhamugley.essex.sch.uk) to arrange a visit.

Many thanks for reading.

**Mr B Davey**, Headteacher, Henham and Ugley Primary and Nursery School

## **Afternoon Tea**

**OSCA 2pm - 4pm**

**Saturday 21<sup>st</sup> October**

If you live alone or spend a lot of time alone, why not join us for Afternoon Tea and a chat.

Come and enjoy sandwiches, scones, homemade cake and tea,  
followed by a short Christian message.

If you would like to come for the first time please call either

**Annabel Cottam 850257 or Olive Leader 850102.**

## Village Diary Regular Clubs and Meetings

### Mondays

<b>9.00 - 10.00</b>	am	Pilates	Now at Vision fitness
<b>9.30 – 11.00</b>	am	Dinky Dragons (term times)	Henham Village Hall
<b>10.00 - 12.00</b>	am	Tennis Ladies' Rusty Racquets	Henham Tennis Courts
<b>3.30 - 4.45</b>	pm	Junior tennis	Henham Tennis Courts
<b>6.45 - 8.00</b>	pm	Springbok Classes	HUSCH
<b>7.00 start</b>	pm	Omega running/Walking club	Meet outside Cock Inn
<b>7.00 - 8.00</b>	pm	Yoga	Henham Village Hall

### Tuesdays

<b>9.15 - 11.15</b>	am	Badminton Club	HUSCH
<b>5.30 - 6.15</b>	pm	Street & Com. Dance: Age 8-10	OSCA
<b>6.00 – 7.15</b>	pm	Cubs (term times)	Ugley Village Hall
<b>6.15 - 7.20</b>	pm	Street & Com. Dance: Age 11+	OSCA
<b>7.20 - 8.20</b>	pm	Adult Dance Class	OSCA

### Wednesdays

<b>3.30 - 5.00</b>	pm	Junior Tennis	Henham Tennis Courts
<b>5.45 – 6.45</b>	pm	Beavers (term times)	Ugley Village Hall
<b>7.00 – 9.00</b>	pm	Scouts (term times)	Ugley Village Hall
<b>7.00 – 9.00</b>	pm	Badminton Club	HUSCH

### Thursdays

<b>9.00 - 10.00</b>	am	Pilates	OSCA
<b>10.00 - 11.00</b>	am	Pilates	OSCA
<b>10.30 - 11.30</b>	am	Little Fishes (in term time)	Church Hall
<b>1.45 - 2.45</b>	pm	Tots/Preschool tennis	Henham Tennis courts
<b>3.30 – 4.45</b>	pm	Junior Tennis	Henham Tennis Courts
<b>5.30 – 6.15</b>	pm	Karate: Beginners - Green	Henham Village Hall
<b>6.15 – 7.00</b>	pm	Karate: Intermediate +	Henham Village Hall
<b>7.45 - 9.00</b>	pm	Bell Ringing Practice	Henham Church

### Fridays

<b>9.00 - 10.30</b>	am	Tennis Ladies' 2 <sup>nd</sup> Team	Henham Tennis Courts
<b>5.45 – 6.45</b>	pm	Beavers (term times)	Ugley Village Hall

### Saturdays

<b>Meet at 9.00</b>	am	Omega Runners	Outside Vision Fitness
<b>9.30- 11.45</b>	am	Junior Tennis	Henham Tennis courts

**Sundays**

2.00 – 4.00 pm Tennis Club Session Henham Tennis Courts

*There are also various classes at the Vision Fitness Gym, please visit their website for further details, [visionfitnesshenham.co.uk](http://visionfitnesshenham.co.uk)*

## The Village Calendar 2023

Please let us know of any future events to include in the village calendar. Contact one of the committee members, or email [henhandragon@hotmail.com](mailto:henhandragon@hotmail.com)

<b>October</b>			
Thursday	5 <sup>th</sup>	Parish Council Meeting	OSCA, 7.30pm
Saturday	7 <sup>th</sup>	Menindanca	Henham Village Hall, 7pm
Wednesday	11 <sup>th</sup>	District Councillors' Surgery	Orwell House, Elsenham, 6.30pm
Saturday	14 <sup>th</sup>	OSCA Quiz	OSCA 7am for 7.30pm
Saturday & Sunday	14 <sup>th</sup> & 15 <sup>th</sup>	Art Sale	St. Mary's Church, Elsenham, 10.30am -5pm
Wednesday	18 <sup>th</sup>	Beat Surgery	Village Shop, 10 am -11am
Saturday	21 <sup>st</sup>	Afternoon Teas	OSCA, 2pm - 4pm
<b>November</b>			
Monday	6 <sup>th</sup> & 20 <sup>th</sup>	Beat Surgery	Village Shop, 10 am -11am
Friday	10 <sup>th</sup>	Henham Charity Christmas Market	OSCA & Village Hall, 1pm – 8pm
<b>December</b>			
Saturday	2 <sup>nd</sup>	Afternoon Teas	OSCA, 2pm - 4pm
Saturday	9 <sup>th</sup>	Bottomless Brunch / Afternoon Teas	Henham Village Hall
Monday	11 <sup>th</sup>	Beat Surgery	Village Shop, 10am – 11am

 **Henham Charity**  
**Christmas Market** 

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**FRIDAY 10<sup>th</sup>**  
**NOVEMBER**

*1pm to 8pm*

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**OSCA Hall - CM22 6AS**

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## **Ugley WI**

Our August meeting opened with the sad news of the passing of Ruth Rawlinson, a much loved, dedicated member of our WI, who over the years held the positions of president, vice president and treasurer. She will be much missed.

There was a change to the scheduled programme due to the hospitalisation of our booked speaker Brian Carline. Members were instead entertained by the legendary Edith Piaf, with a little help from one of our members (a great Piaf fan) who recounted the highs and lows of her all too short life; including quotes from her autobiography which gave it a more personal element. Members heard four live recordings of her songs and had the chance to view some interesting items from the speaker's collection of 'Piafiana', including concert programmes and photos, and even to try some of her favourite perfume Arpege by Lanvin. At the end of the talk everyone was presented with a single red rose in memory of Edith Piaf.

A member of staff from Saffron Walden Museum will be entertaining us at our October meeting which will be held in Ugley Village Hall on 18<sup>th</sup> October at 2pm. Why not come along and hear what she has to say? You would be most welcome!

**Andrea Fitt, 01279 815922.**

# Henham Parish Council

Edited minutes of meeting on Thursday 7<sup>th</sup> September 2023. Full minutes are available to view on the village website [www.henham.org](http://www.henham.org)

## 1. Reports and Recommendations

### (i) *Greens and Village Estate – Cllr. Baker:*

- a. **Greens damage – (1) Erosion** – Nothing to report **(2) (i) Construction damage by Hollybank** – Cllr Lee is monitoring the situation and is in discussions with the contractor regarding a plan for the repairs over the coming weeks. **(ii) Driveway** – New narrow strip has been installed and will be coloured matched to driveways along Crow Street, under supervision of Cllr Lee.
- b. **Greens Bylaws** – Legal advice now received. Procedure for updating laws is lengthy and complicated. Chair will be reviewing over the coming months.
- c. **Starr Road Signage and pot holes** – UDC called the Chair in July to say that a resident refused them permission to install the new Starr Road sign. The Chair confirmed to UDC that this must be installed and the resident had no right to refuse permission as it is not being installed on their land, even though their replacement hedging and logs have been planted in front of the old sign, evidence supporting this has been sent to UDC. This is now a matter for UDC and the resident. Chair to monitor.
- d. **Coronation commemoration** – Nothing to report.
- e. **Tree Inspection** – The Chair instructed our arborist to conduct our 2 yearly tree inspection which was carried w/c 21 August – quotation for £1065. The mowing sub-contractor while strimming accidentally damaged the trunk of the Jubilee Tree and has provided a tree protection slip to prevent any further damage when strimming. Our arborist noted evidence of strimmer damage on other trees, our mower contractor has been advised and will ensure his sub contractors do not strim around the trees going forwards. The Parish Council are awaiting the arborist report, however, some trees at the back of the pond need pollarding, it is hoped works can be combined with removing the fallen tree in the pond.
- f. **Church works** - The Parish Council has been advised that the main groundworks are to commence w/c 14<sup>th</sup> August with the church being handed over to the contractors on 11<sup>th</sup> September with an expectation that the church will be back in use August /September 2024. PCC are anticipating a site meeting in August/early September 2023 and Cllr Lee will be invited along to meet the contractor. The contractor will not be siting buildings etc on the green before they start on 11<sup>th</sup> September 2023.
- g. **Footpath hedge trimming** – There is some overgrown hedging along village footpaths/pavements. Cllr Leech to provide Chair with locations so that the

Chair can ask residents to trim back their hedging now that the nesting season is over.

- h. Old Mead Road signposts** – The Parish Council would like to thank the resident for refurbishing the two old signposts at the Hall Road junction in Old Mead Road, the resulting work is fantastic and we are extremely grateful for his community spirit.

**Village ponds/Woodland** – Nothing to report.

**Village Hall** – (1) **Solicitors** - have been instructed to review the ownership and responsibility for the Village Hall as the existing documentation is 100 years old and needs updating. Legal advice still awaited. (2) **HPC Community Support Fund** – successful application by Dinky Dragons Playgroup which Cllrs have approved. Enquiries have been made by the Christmas Fayre committee. (3) **Village Hall grant** - Cllrs agreed nem con that the Clerk can issue the 2<sup>nd</sup> half of the Parish Council Village Hall grant which is £2,500.

**PCSO** – The PCSO will be available to discuss any resident concerns in the Village Shop between 10am-1am on the following dates: August 7th and 17th, September 4th and 13th, October 18th, November 6th and 20th and December 11th 2023. Everyone welcome.

**Speedwatch** – Nothing to report.

**Management of Pledgdon Green** – (a) Solicitors have now been instructed and have quoted £500-750 plus VAT, legal advice still awaited (b) A resident has emailed the Parish Council about a property running an airport parking business at Pledgdon Green.

**Website** – The clerk has finished populating the new website, which involves uploading all documents and formatting the template. Website went live 29/08/2023 <https://henham-pc.gov.uk>. The Parish Councils would encourage residents to provide the clerk with any additional information they would like to see on the new website e.g. details of clubs/societies, photos etc. Please note the old website will still be available but will no longer be updated as of August 2023. Clerk circulated information to all Cllrs re email storage and recommended that Cllrs have a gov.uk email address to do HPC work. Cllr Lee proposed to adopt the Flexmail system provided by the website company at a slightly higher annual cost which allows 10GB storage for up to 10 Cllrs, seconded by Cllr LeCount. The clerk has a new email address: [clerk@henham-pc.gov.uk](mailto:clerk@henham-pc.gov.uk). This means that the Parish Council is now compliant with our Audit regulations for 23/24.

**Gigaclear** – Nothing to report other than Cllr Franklin continues to chase Gigaclear to repair the damaged box on OML which residents have repaired at their own expense and are seeking recompense from Gigaclear (Complaint Case Number: 01370719).

**BASICS Essex (British Association for Immediate Care Essex)** – BASICS has made a request for the Parish Council to make a donation via the website. It is a network of volunteer emergency doctors and paramedics, who provide immediate access to pre-hospital ‘Immediate Medical Care’. District Cllr Lees to investigate.

**Bus Consultation** – ECC have launched a consultation on their Supported Local Bus Services 2024-2028. They would like to obtain people’s views to help us shape the bus network across the County. Please note this consultation does not include the commercial bus network. The consultation commences **14 July 2023 and closes 05 October 2023**. Residents are encouraged to complete the survey online by visiting the web site <https://consultations.essex.gov.uk/iptu/2023>. If people are unable to complete the consultation online, a hard copy of the consultation can be sent on request via [passenger.transport@essex.gov.uk](mailto:passenger.transport@essex.gov.uk) or telephoning 0345 743 0430 or 0345 603 7631. Cllr Francis to submit a response on behalf of the Parish Council.

*(ii) Finance* – available to see on the village website [www.henham.org](http://www.henham.org)

**Treasury Management Investment Policy and Strategy 2023/24 – Cllr Fisher-update** Cllr Fisher has been researching the best interest paying accounts which comply with our investment policy over the summer recess. Cllr Fisher and the clerk have been liaising with Yorkshire Building Society in order to invest the Parish Council’s cash reserves of £280k into a higher paying rate of interest at 5.44% for one year with an annual interest of £15,301.81. The deposit was made on 6/9/23. The Nationwide account ending 148 has been closed – closing balance £270,169.98 which includes £5,297.45 annual interest. The Parish Council thanks Cllr Fisher for all his hard work.

**AGAR 2022-23 for Henham PC** – The Year-End Accounts have been approved by the external auditor by the clerk. Notice of Conclusion of Audit will be published on website and noticeboard on 8 September 2023.

**2023-2024 Accounts** – Q1 Accounts for 23/24 have been submitted by the clerk to Cllr Fisher for review and approval.



**(iii) Planning and Developments –**

- **UTT/23/0713/OP** - Outline Planning Application, With All Matters Reserved Except Scale & Access, for the erection of up to 7 dwellings and associated work, Land West Of Old Mead Road. The Parish Council objected to a previous application and have submitted an objection. This has been called in by District Cllr Lees.
- **UTT/23/1724/HHF** – proposed new front entrance porch, single storey side and rear extensions with changes to fenestration, with additional dormer and fenestration to existing annexe, York Cottage, Crow Street
- **UTT/23/1741/FUL** – proposed Erection of an office building (Use Class E(g)(i)), parking area and associated works, Mill Pond Nursery Mill Road
- **UTT/23/1732/FUL** – proposed change of use of paddock to residential and construction of 3 no. residential dwellings, Tudor Hall Pledgdon Green. This has been called in by District Cllr Lees. The Planning Sub Committee have submitted an objection with a further evidence submitted on 31/8/23.
- **UTT/23/1799/HHF** – proposed Demolition of existing conservatory and erection of replacement single storey rear extension - Littlebrook, Crow Street
- **The Barn, Old Mead Road** – Cllrs Franklin and Leech have absented themselves from any discussions or involvement in this matter. (a) planning consent granted for 2 dwellings at The Barn, Old Mead Road. The conditions on the visibility splays at the exit onto Old Mead Road and conditions had to be met before ground works started on the properties. Groundworks have now started. (b) **UTT/23/2092/FUL** – proposed dwelling and cartlodge garage on Plot 2 (alternative design to that approved under planning permission UTT/21/2328/FUL), The Barn Old Mead Road – Chair will submit an objection on behalf of the Parish Council as to the addition of a new pedestrian access onto OML.
- **UTT/23/1760/HHF** – proposed single storey rear extension, Ugley Lodge, North Hall Road
- **UTT/23/1382/FUL** – proposed erection of a new detached 4 bedroom dwelling, Four Winds, Old Mead Lane – Cllr Franklin has withdrawn from meetings regarding this application on grounds of personal interest. Planning Sub Committee obtained the advice of our transport consultant and a traffic counter survey (equipment was subsequently vandalised) which has been submitted together with the Parish Council’s objection. This has been called in by District Cllr Lees.

- **UTT/23/1953/HHF** – proposed Erection of detached garden room, Dolls Cottage, The Row

**Breaches: Continuing breaches at Cedar Cottage-** Nothing to report.

**Not building in accordance with planning consent UTT/22/2494/NMA - building too close to the boundary at land to the North West of Henham Road, Elsenham** – UDC Enforcement Team has investigated a referral regarding the alleged breach of planning control at the above mentioned address, reference INV/23/0126/C. An investigation into this matter has been carried out and the file has now been closed for the following reason- No evidence of a breach - no further action

**Breach of Condition 4 attached to UTT/22/2194/DOC Construction Management Plan - dust management at land to the North West of Henham Road, Elsenham** – UDC Enforcement Team has investigated a referral regarding the alleged breach of planning control at the above mentioned address, reference INV/23/0106/C. An investigation into this matter has been carried out and the file has now been closed for the following reason - No breach - no further action

**Land north of North Hall Road, Henham, an unauthorised erection of a six foot fence around a site** UDC Enforcement Team has investigated a referral regarding the alleged breach of planning control at the above mentioned address, reference ENF/19/0362/C - An investigation into this matter has been carried out and the file has now been closed for the following reason: Breach now regularised, no further action

**Investigation into alleged breach- alleged airport parking, at Railway car park, Old Mead Road** – UDC’s Planning Enforcement Team has investigated a referral regarding the alleged breach of planning control at the above mentioned address, reference INV/23/0160/C and have confirmed that an investigation into this matter has been carried out and the file has now been closed for the following reason: “No breach of planning control occurring at this site. Planning permission was granted for a car park for rail users however there is no condition which restricts the use. Furthermore there is no evidence to suggest that this is a new activity, which would be time barred.” District Cllr Lees to make further enquiries as to planning permission for parking.

**Appeals: Appeal Dismissed - APP/C1570/W/22/3311484 - Halt Bungalow - UTT/22/0713/FUL -**

This is an important and far-reaching decision in that it supports the Conservation Area.

**Developments: Mill Road Development** : Nothing to report.

**Bloor – UTT/23/2063/DFO** – proposed Approval of reserved matters (comprising landscaping, layout, scale and appearance) pursuant to outline approval S62A/2022/0012 (UTT/22/2760/PINS) for the development of 200 residential dwellings along with landscaping, internal roads, public open space and associated infrastructure works, Land East Of Station Road – Cllr Franklin to respond on behalf of sub-planning committee. It was noted that Elsenham Car Park changed ownership on 1/8/23. There are concerns it will be full of airport parking and will not be available for commuters (new charging structure is more expensive), Chair is liaising with Elsenham Parish Council to raise these concerns with Bloor.

**Decisions: UTT/22/2931/FUL** - Proposed change of use to a mixed use of storage container hire and vehicles storage/parking, The Warehouse Pledgdon Green Brick End Road – REFUSE

**UTT/23/0249/HHF UTT/23/1315/HHF UTT/23/1319/HHF** - Single storey rear extension (previously approved) with part first floor rear extension over. Ground floor has an extant permission, The Fuchsias Old Mead Lane - Cllr Franklin declared an interest and absented himself from all discussions. This has been called in by District Cllr Lees. REFUSE.

**(iv) *Highways*** –

Nothing to report other than County Cllr Gooding confirmed that a scheduled visit by the drainage jetting team to go to Old Mead Road and North Hall Road to carry out some drain clearance has now been arranged. There is some work in North Hall Road that will require that temporary road closures but that will just be for the protection of the workforce because of the road width.

Hall Road, Henham: 40mph signage has now been installed.

OMR-OML – (1) Update from Cllr LeCount re recent HGV use of OMR and Toot Toot bridge. Resident has complained about excessive HGV usage along OMR. Chair to liaise with Elsenham Parish Council regarding monitoring of HGC usage.

**Residents are encouraged to also report any matters to Essex Highways direct via the Essex Highways web site [www.essex.gov.uk/highways](http://www.essex.gov.uk/highways) (details also on the Henham Website), as the more people who complain regarding Highways matters the more likely something will get done.**

**Residents are encouraged to report unsafe or dangerous parking in our village to: [swilliams@uttlesford.gov.uk](mailto:swilliams@uttlesford.gov.uk). Stansted Airport Limited operates a Freephone number for reporting suspected on-street airport related car parking. The Freephone number is: 0800 7312385**

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## 2. Correspondence

Sent/Received: email from resident requesting to put scaffolding on greens whilst their property is being rethatched at Wood End Green; Gigaclear re residents who have not signed Wayleave Agmt, letters from Chair to residents who have not signed Wayleave Agmt; resident re Increased levels of HGV along OMR/OML

Planning Applications - see 4(iii) above

- Clerk – approximately 250 emails in July and August 2023 respectively.

**3. Waste and Minerals Development Issues** – Nothing to report.

**4. SAW (Stop Stansted Expansion)** – Stansted Airport Limited (STAL) has just published its Draft Noise Action Plan (NAP) for public consultation. The Parish Council submitted its response on 28/8/23.

**5. Governance – (1) HPC Grant Award Policy** – Cllr Fisher previously circulated a draft policy document covering HPC providing grants. It was agreed that this would be further reviewed over the coming months. The clerk has chased EALC for their legal advice, no response as yet. **(2) Code of Conduct** - Cllr Franklin will give a presentation on Code of Conduct following UDC training for Cllrs which he attended on the Parish Council's behalf.

**6. Local Plan** – Chair submitted comments 29/8/23 to an external consulting company for UDC. Documents related to the local plan can be found at: [www.uttlesford.gov.uk/new-local-plan](http://www.uttlesford.gov.uk/new-local-plan).

**7. Henham SOV 100 Club draw –**

### July Draw

Cllr Petrina Lees conducted the draw on behalf of the Henham SOV 100 Club. She drew from a black bag containing 164 lottery balls. The winning numbers were:

1st Prize: Number 100, Jenny Kodesh £232

2nd Prize: Number 114, Lyne Hands £112

### August Draw

The winning numbers were:

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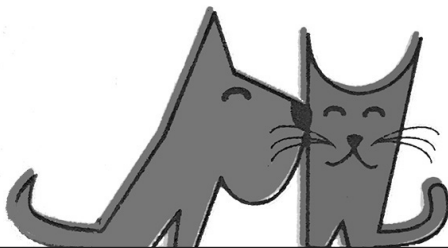
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Total funds received per draw were £810. Half will be paid in prizes with the balance of £405 paid to Henham Parish Council SOV Funds. Many thanks for everyone's ongoing support

### **8. Date of Next Meeting**

The next Parish Council Meeting will be held on Thursday 5<sup>th</sup> October 7:30pm at OSCA. Everyone Welcome.

**Mareike Dacey**, Clerk

### **Abbreviations**

The Editors of The Dragon have made a list of some of the abbreviations used in the Henham Parish Council minutes and expanded them for your reference.

**HPC** Henham Parish Council

**EH** Essex Highways

**PCSO** Police Community Support Officer

**VAS** Vehicle Activated Sign Speed Signs

**OMR** Old Mead Road

**OML** Old Mead Lane

**SOV** Save Our Village

**UDC** Uttlesford District Council

**ECC** Essex County Council

**PCC** Parochial Church Council

## **Henham Parish Council – New Website**

HPC are pleased to announce the launch of our new parish council website! Please take a look <https://henham-pc.gov.uk>

The clerk will be continually updating it and we would be grateful for any comments or suggestions. In particular, we are looking for some scenic photos of our village to add to the gallery. Please use the contact us form on the website.

**Mareike Dacey**, Clerk to Henham Parish Council

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## **District Councillors' Report**

Our Chair of the Council Cllr Geof Driscoll has been cycling round the district this week to raise awareness and funds for local charity, Accuro. He has covered more than 70 miles visiting every ward in Uttlesford on an electric hybrid bike. He has visited Ward Initiatives such as the Littlebury Energy Project and Multi Agency housing initiative.

One School in Uttlesford has been affected by the RAAC concrete problem and we spent a day organising how they could be accommodated in London Rd. Finalising all the details we were then told that the Education Secretary had declared it was safe to stay in their building. However, we were delighted with the “can do attitude” and the desire to help. We are now assessing our council properties to ensure that we are not susceptible. At this present time the reports are positive.

We have been spending the summer addressing the change programme required for the Council to help us to continue to deliver a streamlined service, despite lack of funding from Central Office. Sadly Governmental Legal Changes has meant that our allocated monies from our investments cannot be utilised in the immediate future despite our success. Other councils such as Thurrock, for example, have lost millions, so there is blanket legal requirement, even for those like us that have invested well.

We have joined with Essex and other District Councils with a Food Waste Recycling Scheme. All residents will be receiving a four page information leaflet explaining the benefits and importance of recycling food waste. Please do read and consider implementing the recommendations .

Our Environmental Health colleagues who work on the border check point at Stansted Airport had an interesting find during a routine inspection last week. The team was alerted to a shipment of canine semen which is subject to veterinary checks and a product dealt with on a very regular basis. However, when the package arrived, it was clearly not packaged in the same way as canine semen

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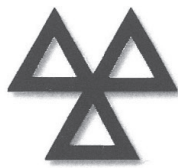
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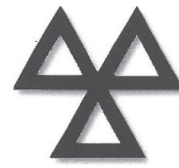
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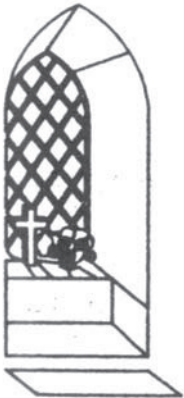
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normally is (in most cases, it is presented in a plastic pod, suspended in liquid nitrogen; or is sometimes chilled, surrounded by freezer packs). Instead it was in a cardboard box and was clearly not chilled. The package contained two clear plastic bags of what appeared to be green pellets with a very strong odour. Suspecting this was cannabis, they contacted Border Force who confirmed their suspicions and took control of the packages, which weighed 1kg. The matter will be referred to the police for investigation.

This is just one of the many interesting elements that the team can encounter and highlights the importance they have in supporting partner agencies in border protection. The team deals with more than 1,000 shipments a year and process millions of pounds of biological and animal-based products – everything from preserved sea cucumbers to bovine retinas.

We welcome applications for our ward initiative funds. Delighted to see Dinky Dragons restarting and the School Painting Project.

Our Surgery this month will be Wednesday 11<sup>th</sup> October at 18.30 Orwell House Station Rd Elsenham.

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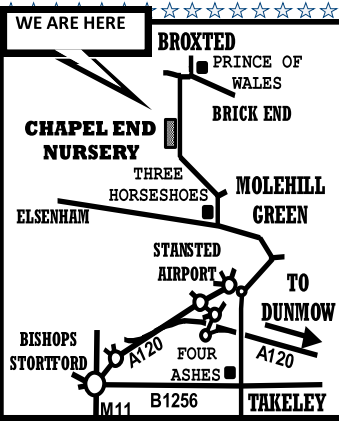
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### Sunday 1<sup>st</sup> October

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**18:00** Sunday@6, OSCA, Henham

### Sunday 8<sup>th</sup> October

**08:45** Prayer Book Holy Communion,  
Elsenham Church  
**10:00** Morning Service, Ugley Church  
**10:15** Holy Communion,  
Elsenham Village Hall  
**18:00** Sunday@6, OSCA, Henham

### Sunday 15<sup>th</sup> October

**08:45** Prayer Book Morning Prayer,  
Elsenham Church  
**10:00** Prayer Book Communion,  
Ugley Church  
**10:15** Morning Service,  
Elsenham Village Hall  
**18:00** Sunday@6, OSCA, Henham

### Sunday 22<sup>nd</sup> October

**10:00** Morning Service, Ugley Church  
**10:15** Morning Service,  
Elsenham Village Hall  
**16:00** Time to Remember Service,  
Elsenham Church

### Sunday 29<sup>th</sup> October

**08:45** Prayer Book Morning Prayer,  
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**10:00** Morning Service,  
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**10:15** Morning Service,  
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**18:00** Sunday@6, OSCA, Henham

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## Other regular events

### SUNDAYS:

#### St Peter's Junior Church

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Sundays: 8<sup>th</sup> & 15<sup>th</sup>

#### Elsenham & Henham Sunday Club/ Explorers (Reception-Y5)

**(Y1-Y6) Old Franks, Elsenham**

**10.15am** Sundays: 8<sup>th</sup> & 15<sup>th</sup>

#### Pathfinders (Y6-Y9)

**OSCA, Henham 6.00pm - leave from service  
to meet in The Church Hall, Henham.**

Sundays: 1<sup>st</sup>, 8<sup>th</sup> & 15<sup>th</sup>

#### Crammin' (Y10-Y13)

**OSCA, Henham 6.00pm followed by 7.00pm  
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& 15<sup>th</sup>

### MID-WEEK AND SATURDAY:

#### Start the Week with Prayer

**Church Hall, Henham 9.30am**

Mondays: 2<sup>nd</sup>, 9<sup>th</sup>, 16<sup>th</sup>, 23<sup>rd</sup> & 30<sup>th</sup>

#### Seekers After School Bible Club

**(Y3-Y4) Old Frank's 3.20pm** Mondays: 2<sup>nd</sup>,  
9<sup>th</sup> & 16<sup>th</sup>

#### Christian Play (Y1-Y2)

**Rowan House, Elsenham 3.15pm** Tuesdays:  
3<sup>rd</sup>, 10<sup>th</sup> & 17<sup>th</sup>

#### Little Fishes Pre-School Group

**Church Hall, Henham 10.30am**

Thursday: 5<sup>th</sup>, 12<sup>th</sup> & 19<sup>th</sup>

#### Little Fishes Pre-School Group

**Elsenham Memorial Hall 10.00am**

Fridays: 6<sup>th</sup>, 13<sup>th</sup> & 20<sup>th</sup>

#### Church Lunch Club

**Elsenham Memorial Hall 12.30pm**

Fridays: (2<sup>nd</sup> & 4<sup>th</sup> Friday of the month): 13<sup>th</sup>  
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#### Afternoon Tea

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## Thought for the month by Charles Willbe



On the internet I found lists of “best known”, “best liked”, “most popular” parables but only the “Good Samaritan” was on all of them. I reckon it should also be on a “least understood” list.

Jesus’ disciples had just visited a hostile Samaritan village, so they asked Jesus “do you want us to call fire down from heaven to destroy them?”. A gross over-reaction which shows just how much the Jews and Samaritans hated each other.

The religious leaders and authorities hated Jesus and were trying to get rid of Him, so one of them tried to catch Jesus out by asking “what must I DO to inherit eternal life?” Jesus replied “What is written in the Law?” and, being a lawyer, the man could quote from scripture “Love the Lord your God ... Love your neighbour as yourself.” DO that and “you will live” says Jesus.

The problem is that the lawyer cannot love God with all his heart; he cannot love his neighbour as he loves himself ... so he won’t live. Perhaps if he can get a nice narrow definition of “neighbour”, he can fool himself that he is doing what God says he should. So, he asks “who is my neighbour” and Jesus answers him with this parable of the Good Samaritan.

A man is walking alone along a very dodgy road and is beaten up by robbers who strip him of everything of value and leave him to die. A priest, a teacher of God’s word, walks past and doesn’t help him. A Levite, one of the people who, like this lawyer, were support staff for the priests wouldn’t help him either. And now a despised Samaritan comes along. But he takes pity on the Jew, who probably despised him; he goes to help him, uses his wine to sterilise the wounds and his oil to ease their pain, uses his own clothes for bandages. He puts the man on his donkey and he himself walks to the inn where he looks after him. Next day he pays for a few weeks board and lodging for the Jew and writes a blank cheque for further expenses.

In other words, the Samaritan cares, takes pity, risks his own life, interrupts his business, personally looks after the man and spends his own money on the man’s care, underwriting the full expense.

That is what it means to love your neighbour, says Jesus. If you want to earn eternal life by what you DO then that is what is necessary. DO that not just once but every day of your life.

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**Charles Willbe**, Church-Warden, St Mary's Church, Elsenham

## From The Parish Registers

### Funerals:

- A Service of Thanksgiving on 25<sup>th</sup> August 2023 at Henham Church, followed by a cremation at Cam Valley Crematorium, Ronald William Newby, aged 88 years, formerly of Old Nazeing Road, Broxbourne.
- A Service of Thanksgiving on 7<sup>th</sup> September 2023 at Henham Church, followed by a cremation at Cam Valley Crematorium, Vivienne Goodvin, aged 88 years, formerly of Mountfitchet Care Home, Stansted.

### Burial of Ashes:

- On Tuesday 15<sup>th</sup> August 2023 in Henham Churchyard, June Elizabeth Fayers.
- On Thursday 17<sup>th</sup> August 2023 in Elsenham Churchyard, Rose Marie Wright.

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# Remembering Vivienne Elizabeth Goodvin (Viv)

(10<sup>th</sup> March 1935-10<sup>th</sup> August 2023)

Robert and Tracy would like to give their thanks to the many friends of their mother, who came to Henham Church on Thursday 7<sup>th</sup> September for Viv's funeral and to thank Father Stuart Owen, a former resident of Henham, who conducted the service.

Viv had been a resident in the village for over 50 years and was a popular member of the Bridge Club, a keen joint organiser of the Book Sale, and an excellent tennis, table tennis and canasta player. In her youth she was a great athlete and always had many friends.

The one phrase friends and family associate with Viv was "I am fine" as she smiled her way through. She suffered the sadness of losing her middle child Nicola who was in her twenties when she died. After a very happy and long partnership with her husband, Les, she nursed him in his later years,

She took great pleasure in her children and grandchildren, enjoying their successes. Her great sense of humour she shared liberally.

She will be much missed by so many.

Rest in Peace dear Viv.

*Excerpt from the poem, by David Harkins, which Tracy read at the funeral.*

*"You can cry and close your mind.*

*Be empty, and turn your back*

*Or you can do what she'd want:*

*Smile, open your eyes, love and go on."*

# Henham Tennis Club News

Sizzling September! After weeks of seemingly endless grey skies and mediocre temperatures the mercury suddenly woke up to the fact that this was supposed to be summer. The good news is that matches in the Small Club's League could be played without the fear of inclement weather. There is, therefore no better time for a round- up of our club's fortunes as the season end draws ever closer. A vote of thanks must go to our team captains: Monica Sutherland, Charlotte Balls and Phil Holder for the time and effort that they put in to ensure matches are fulfilled and for their input in aiding me in this report.

August was inevitably a quiet month for all our teams as no matches were arranged due to holidays. Once September started however, there were a total of nine matches to be played across both the Mixed and Ladies 1<sup>st</sup> teams in just five weeks. With a relatively small squad of players the commitment to fulfil matches has to be commended. Unfortunately Gill Foster, one of the stalwarts of the Ladies 1<sup>st</sup> team squad, was injured during the summer and we wish Gill a speedy recovery and look forward to seeing her back on court. The Ladies drew both matches, versus Dunmow (home) and Stebbing (away) – and a massive thank you to both Charlotte Balls and Justine Bailey for stepping in and securing valuable points for the team. The players involved were Monica, Fiona Price, Nora Murphy, Charlotte and Justine. The Ladies final fixture is home to Stebbing at the end of the month.

The Mixed team have only played one of their remaining six fixtures securing an honourable draw against a strong Stebbing team. The team consisted of Shaun Hunt, Phil Holder, Monica Sutherland and Fiona Price. Shaun joined the club earlier in the year, playing in three of the club finals in July, but this was his debut in the Mixed Team. There is no doubt that he will be a real asset to the teams in the future. At the moment both the Ladies 1st and Mixed teams continue to hold their own in the 1st divisions and are therefore clear of any relegation fears!

Sadly, the Ladies 2nds have not managed to play any matches recently but they have two more matches scheduled for this month. The ladies' team has featured several newcomers this year, all making their debuts in team tennis and thoroughly enjoying the experience. There is always room for more players! Remember the more you play the better you will become and inevitably the results will hopefully take care of themselves. Lastly but not least, the Men's team. At the end of July, they achieved an honourable draw against Newport who fielded a very talented pair of youngsters against whom we had some excellent tennis (I actually played in my first match for over a year!) but alas we were always going to come second in this particular contest.

The team was Phil Holder, Amrik Braico, Scott Reynolds and me! More recently the team consisting of Phil, Scott, Sean Munday and Nic Mamier defeated Stebbing 13-3 and are currently the league leaders. Well done guys.

A rather unusual occurrence happened a few weeks ago in a tournament in Cincinnati, when Stefanos Tsitsipas complained to the umpire that a woman in the crowd was trying to put him off in a peculiar way. Every time he tossed the ball in the air, she would make a noise that sounded like a bee! “She’s imitating a bee, she’s buzzing...It’s the lady over there...” bemoaned Tsitsipas. It has made me ponder whether or not I have ever been put off by strange sounds around me...hardly by a spectator as Henham’s ‘crowds’ are far too respectful for that sort of thing to happen...not to mention the size! Can you imagine, whenever you attempt a serve, you hear ‘foot fault’ in your ear (a nearby parrot has been too well trained!) or a cockerel ensures that everyone stays awake. If only a cockerel had actually been around in those matches of yesteryear between Ali Lafferty and yours truly to keep umpire Simon on his toes during those less than stimulating never ending rallies!...when possibly even the cockerel might have given up! It all makes me think that the gentle, soothing buzzing of a bee can’t be too bad after all! In any case, Henham is such a tranquil, peace-loving community that no one would hardly dare breathe during such critical moments....and no snoring either please!

On a more ‘serious’ note, a fun tournament will be taking place before the end of September when there is the chance to socialise after the holidays and enjoy some relaxing tennis at the same time, followed by tea and cake. Looking further ahead a Christmas event is being scheduled for early December and a Quiz Night in the New Year. Members will be informed as soon as dates are confirmed. It is hoped to run the Pick ‘n Mix Tournament again this winter, but in a revised format. This is being discussed as I speak and further details will be circulated in due course.

Finally, an excuse for a couple of bee jokes:

Why do bees hum? Because they can’t remember the words.

What do you call a bee that works for the government? A pollentician.

For your information...bee-tween you and me...in relation to the Tsitsipas conundrum; tennis isn’t actually a bee’s favourite sport: it’s rug-bee!

Boom! Boom!

**John G Smith**

In August the Garden Group paid a special visit to Heyrons, High Easter, a former farmyard and barn converted into a house and garden, a 45 year labour of love. The house looks onto a beautiful walled courtyard with glimpses, through an archway, of the gardens. These comprise mature trees under-planted with herbaceous borders, a rose garden, a former lawn tennis court, a dry garden and views across the Essex countryside. They were welcomed and put at ease by their hosts, Catherine and Richard Wollaston. On their tour Richard explained how each part had developed according to family need and enthused over plans for the future, next being creating a wild life pond which the Group hopes to see on a future visit. Afterwards they lingered over a hugely generous tea with seemingly endless supplies of cakes.



Garden Group at Hayrons

What a great morning! Our fourth Saturday Seminar this year, August 19<sup>th</sup>, with Professor Patrick Parrinder, was a huge sell out success. H. G. Wells, Utopian, English novelist, journalist, sociologist and historian, best known for his science fiction novels such as *The Time machine* and *The War of the Worlds*, was also a prolific writer of many other novels and short stories. He grew from shop work apprentice to world famous author, a larger than life character, influential and energetic, reaching, in his lifetime, what would now be worldwide rock star fame. Our next Saturday Seminar, on 14<sup>th</sup> October, will be “An Introduction to Venetian Painting” with Jo Brooks. Details on the website.

The speaker at the October 19<sup>th</sup> General Meeting will be Ian Currie, Fellow of the Royal Meteorological Society. Ian is a full time weatherman, broadcaster,

columnist, editor of the Weather Eye magazine and runs a website [www.frostedearth.co.uk](http://www.frostedearth.co.uk) which includes daily weather forecasts. His talk is called Gales, Greenhouses and Global Warming.

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## **Stansted Hall & Elsenham Cricket Club**

The club's 1<sup>st</sup> XI eventually ended runners-up to Matching Green in the Premier Division of the Herts & Essex Border League. It was down to Match 18 (the final match) but Matching Green did not falter. All in all a great season for the 1<sup>st</sup> XI will plenty of runs especially for Rory McGurk, Nick Price, and Jacob Talbot.

The 2<sup>nd</sup> XI comfortably won Division 3 under the guidance of Andrew Mackinlay who continued to encourage our younger players. They did not disappoint by batting, bowling, and fielding very well.

The junior section finished off a very successful season with a Presentation Day and BBQ. The U14's won the West Essex Cup and the U13's came runners-up in the cup. The junior section committee have already met and planned for winter indoor nets and the 2024 season.

The club will continue with friendly matches during September followed by a general tidy. Groundsman Phil Maule has provided the club with a great cricket wicket and outfield all year.

We look forward to a busy winter of quizzes and fund raising. The club will celebrate 50 years of cricket at Stansted House next season.

If you are interested in joining our club please contact me as below.  
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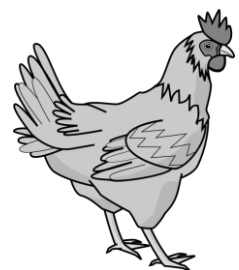
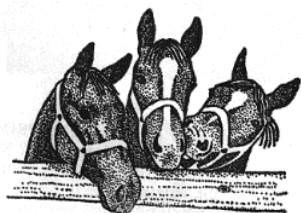
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## News from The Gardens of Easton Lodge

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October is the last hurrah for visitors to the Gardens, as we close to visitors at the end of the month. It is usually a lovely month, with autumnal warmth and lots of colourful squashes, weird shaped tromboncinos and pumpkins ripe for picking and selling, and the dahlias and roses still looking lovely. It is also the month when the Autumn Crocus/Winter daffodil pop up, and of course the trees start to turn their autumn shades. For kids it is a time for gathering conkers and making dens in the wood.

Sunday 15 October is our final full Open Day; and together with Wendy's Petcare Services we are planning a dog show to make it a special day out for all the family. There will be dog classes, for the cutest puppy, handsomest dog and prettiest bitch; and we are encouraging owners to think about Halloween costume for their dogs too! Essex Police Dog handlers will be with us, and also Dr Alex to offer veterinary advice. There will be a number of pet food and other stalls, and as usual we will have plant, crafts and the Trust's produce stalls.

Open Thursdays continue to the end of October. They are a time for visitors to see the Trust's volunteers hard at work. We will be taking the last cuttings of the year – if those taken in August and September haven't



thrived; which is always a possibility as our volunteers aren't around daily to tend them and the beds we use for cuttings in the walled kitchen garden can get very hot and dry. We will be starting autumn planting – of bulbs and of shrubs and perennials being moved or newly established before the winter cold arrives.

For more information go to [www.eastonlodge.co.uk/whats-on](http://www.eastonlodge.co.uk/whats-on).

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## In The Garden

Well Dear Reader, here we are in October. Once again, the year is flying by and it seems as if I have only just put my keyboard away and it is already time to dust it off and start again. It has not been the greatest summer this year, but it appears to have been good growing weather for both flowers, vegetables and of course, those ever present, ever flourishing weeds.

If you are growing tomatoes, this seems to be a good year and you may (like me), have quite a lot of green fruits still on the plants. If you reduce the watering, these will ripen more quickly, but if you need the space and don't want an inexhaustible supply of tomato chutney, pick the fruits and place them in a paper lined drawer with an apple, or a banana. Keep an eye on them, as they should soon ripen. An alternative to this, if you are not in a rush to clear the greenhouse, is to hang banana skins amongst the plants.

If you grow Hellebores, now is the time to tidy them up. Remove old or spotted leaves, leaving a nice clean plant. In prolonged dry periods, keep Camellias and Rhododendrons well-watered to make sure the buds continue to develop.

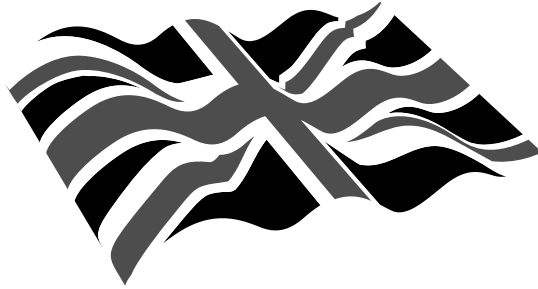
After a while, clumps of herbaceous perennials begin to weaken in the centre. If left long enough a dead area will actually develop. Autumn is the best time to rectify this. Lift the clump and divide it, discarding the central portion, then replant the outer sections. This will give you a healthy and vigorous plant for the next year.

October and November are the best months for laying turf. As with most things, preparation is key. Rake the area to be turfed to a fairly fine tilth and try to remove as many stones as you possibly can. Allow the soil to settle and tread it down if necessary. Try to purchase the turves on the day you intend to lay them so they don't have a chance to dry out. Once you have laid them, keep them well watered.

Attach grease bands to apple and cherry trees to prevent winter moths from climbing them and laying their eggs. If you have harvested all the apples and pears you can prune those trees between now and February. This will improve next year's harvest. If you intend pruning cherry or plum trees, do it earlier rather than later to avoid "silver leaf" or die back.

Most Chrysanthemums can be left in the ground over winter (although I do prefer to lift mine and overwinter them in the greenhouse). If you are leaving them in the ground, don't cut the foliage down, apart from dead heading. This will help

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protect them from the frost and they can then be cut down in spring. This also applies to Sedums and Euphorbias.

Leave Dahlias in the ground until the frost blackens them, then carefully lift them with a fork and clean off as much earth as you can. Cut the foliage off, leaving about 6 inches (15 cm) of the stems. Store them upside down in a greenhouse or shed for a couple of weeks to let them dry out and they can then be stored until next spring. There are many different ideas about storing Dahlia tubers and most of them work. Probably the easiest way is to simply store them in a net. Check them occasionally to make sure they haven't dried out. If they have, just put them in a bucket of warm water for an hour or so. Another good way is to store them in a tray of vermiculite or perlite, remembering to keep the crowns clear.

This is also a good time to start preparing your greenhouse (if you have one) for winter. If you use bubble wrap for insulation, check that it is still sound. Some of the cheap bubble wrap goes really flaky due to the ultraviolet rays and must be regularly replaced. Give everything (including pots and trays) a good clean. If you have painted on greenhouse shading, now is the time to remove it.

Try to keep lawns free of fallen fruit, leaves and other detritus so that moss doesn't form. Worn or damaged areas can be re-seeded or re-turfed now and a good raking with a metal-pronged lawn rake will remove dead grass and help with drainage. This is also the time to apply an autumn fertilizer. If you refer back to the August Dragon, you may recall that I wrote about trying a new way to neutralise the uric acid. I am really pleased to be able to report that this certainly seems to be succeeding. The existing brown patches seem to be greening up nicely and no more have so far appeared.

Well, Dear Reader, I think my quill's feather is starting to droop, but before I leave you, I feel a quirky tip coming on. This is yet another way of protecting special plants from attack by slugs and snails. Take a 2 litre plastic drinks bottle, cut off the top and bottom and cut the remaining tube into 3" (7.5 cm) wide rings. Place these around vulnerable plants and push them about 1 inch (2.5 cm) into the ground. The sharp edge of the plastic is usually enough to deter the slugs, but you can further enhance the deterrent by putting sharp grit or crushed eggshells into the ring.

It is time to leave you to your gardening chores. So until next month, Happy Gardening.

**Norman Elson**



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Nicole from Coco Fleur will once more brew her fabulous coffee which can be thoroughly enjoyed with her delicious homemade cakes or perhaps, you'd prefer a savoury delight from Antonia's Country Kitchen instead. Malpudor will have their wonderful sourdough bread and their focaccia bread is the stuff dreams are made of! Claire will be selling her handmade Halloween Chocolate goodies as well as her usual chocolate treats, so don't be late!

There will be fresh apple juice, citrus curds, honey and honeycombs, homemade dog treats, freshly cut local flowers, micro herbs absolutely bursting with flavour, local meat for a weekend treat, eggs, environmentally friendly cleaning products, the list goes on.

There was such a lovely atmosphere at the market with our brilliant community all coming together. So go on, meet a friend, do some weekend shopping or just treat yourself or a loved one to something special from our independent and local sellers at the market.

If you can't make the October one, we are missing November out as it would clash with the Christmas market, so the next will be on **SATURDAY 2<sup>nd</sup> DECEMBER** and there will of course be all things festive and yummy!!

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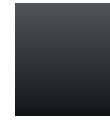
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1: Ickleton: long straw being secured by local master thatcher, Mark Treadwell.



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Most properties in the UK use either long straw, wheat reed or water reed. Many thatched properties are listed and when re-thatching is needed there is a requirement to use the same type of material as before

In medieval times wheat grew to nearly 6 feet tall, while today's modern farming methods produce shorter-stemmed wheat and this has weakened the straw and its longevity. Now specialist growers produce taller-stemmed varieties, grown especially for thatching.

There is some debate about the longevity of a thatched roof. To some extent, life expectancy relates to the material used, but it is also dependent on factors such as pitch, orientation and air circulation. A good thatch will typically last from 20 to



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Thatch appears not only on houses. There are several thatched pubs, a thatched church at Duddenhoe End in the parish of Elmdon, and a partly-thatched village hall in Ashdon.

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**You won't be moved automatically.** Look out for a letter called a Universal Credit Migration Notice from DWP.

**DO claim Universal Credit by the deadline you are given** otherwise your benefits will stop and you could be worse off. If you live with a partner you will have to make a joint claim.

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**Please contact us for advice if you have concerns about this change or need help to make your claim.**



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## **Uttlesford Citizens Advice can help with the move to Universal Credit and lots more!**

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Kate Robson, CEO of Uttlesford Citizens Advice, said: “We are worried that people will assume they will be moved across to Universal Credit automatically, but this is not the case. When you receive your letter from DWP it's important to act quickly and claim Universal Credit by the deadline you are given, otherwise your benefits will stop and you may end up worse off.

But, beware of being too organised! Don't be tempted to make a claim for Universal Credit before you receive your written notice. If you do this you will not receive protected entitlement and could be disadvantaged financially.”

If you are worried about the change or need help to make a claim, you can get in touch with Uttlesford Citizens Advice by telephone, email, or by using the secure video links from the libraries in Great Dunmow , Stansted and Thaxted or at the Old School House in Takeley.

Trained advisers can also check your benefit entitlements, help with budgeting or money worries, offer energy efficiency advice to cut your energy bills, offer support with housing problems, employment or discrimination issues and help you access emergency support from Uttlesford food bank or other local charities if needed.



### **Uttlesford Citizens Advice**

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## Can you help Uttlesford Citizens Advice?

It is not surprising that the team at Uttlesford Citizens Advice is even busier than usual as many people are becoming increasingly concerned about their financial situation. Our local charity is often the first point of call when people are worried about benefit entitlements, housing issues or money problems, or need advice about their rights at work, information about carers support or a referral to another community organisations such as Uttlesford Food Bank.

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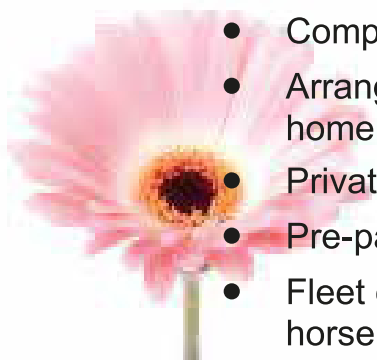
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