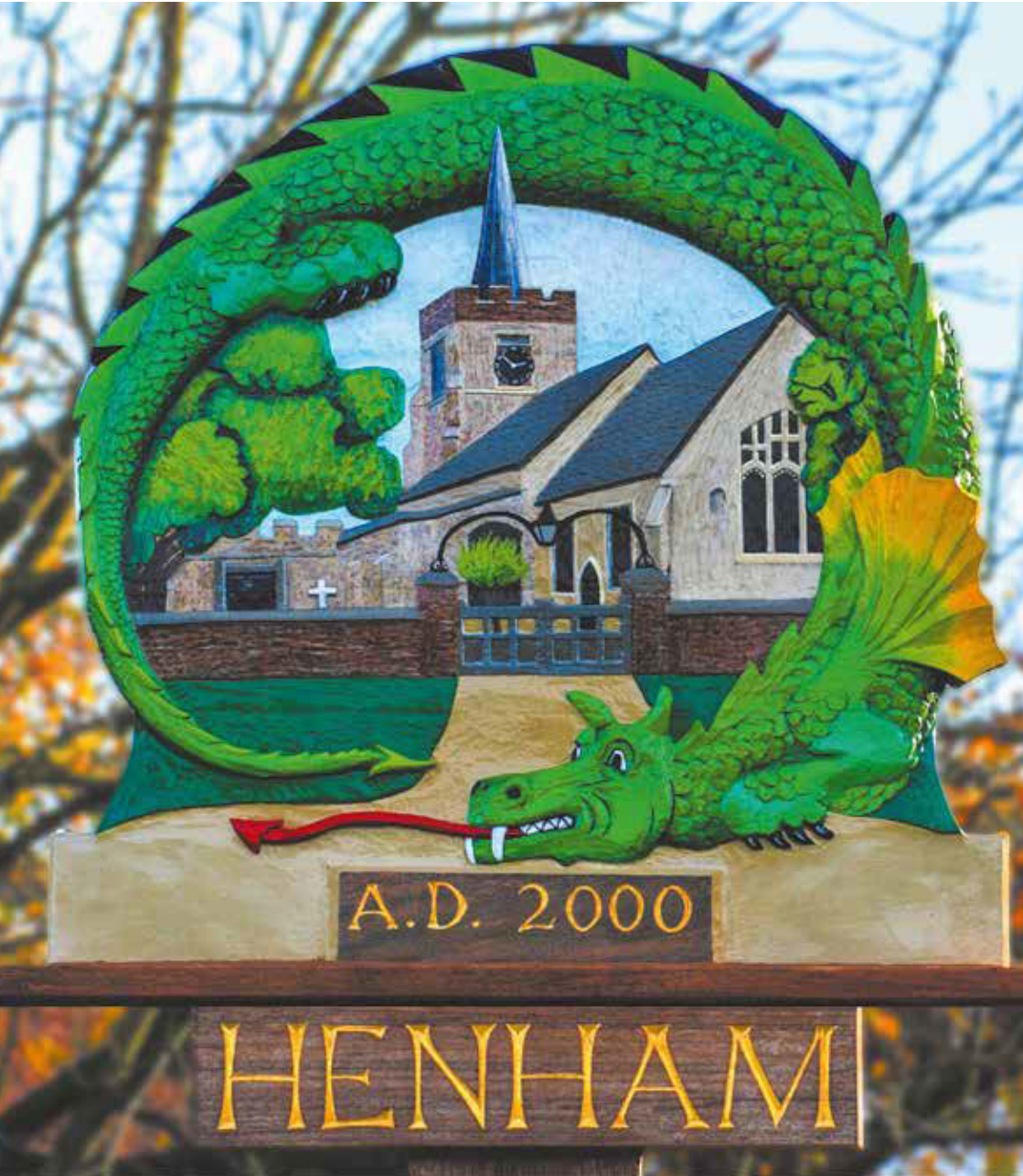


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Editorial

This month's edition is bursting with news and events occurring in our village. As editors, we welcome interesting articles and do our very best to keep Henham residents up to date with accurate information. For some editors like me, making the Dragon magazine look good and to ensure that the articles fit within the number of pages affordable is quite a difficult job. Certain residents have found that the articles with a smaller font have been difficult to read and I apologise. We have now agreed to limit the font to above 12, hoping that residents will be able to read it. Each edition is available on the Henham website.

Another problem is that of the use of abbreviations, we have decided to try and publish a list of commonly used abbreviations. If there are some left out, please don't hesitate to contact the team and we can add them to our list. An example of a busy page is that of the church calendar. I have had to take out the line explaining what HUSCH is to get it to fit on one page and I hope readers will forgive me.

We are a small editorial team and would welcome any enthusiastic volunteers and perhaps even some IT advice. There seems to be a regular moment when the computer refuses to behave despite using google for advice!

This month there are 3 lengthy but interesting reports covering what is happening in the Parish council. I decided that all three should be there. They give a thorough round up of how our council is working for us.

There are lots of lovely things happening in the village illustrated in this month's dragon. Let me wish you all warm and sunny days to be able enjoy them. Please don't forget the Open Gardens on the 9th of June.

Miranda Roberts

Abbreviations

HUSCH -Henham and Ugley School Hall (Henham and Ugley school)

OSCA -Old School Community Association (Crow street)

Cllr -Counsellor

OMR -Old Mead road

OML-Old Mead Lane

PCSO-Police Community Support Officer

VAS-Vehicle Activated Signs (VAR is used on occasions)

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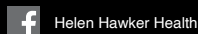
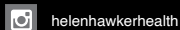
On the current Palestinian/Israeli Crisis

David Morson will be repeating his recent U3A Talk on this topic, describing the Origins of the Issue from Biblical Times to the Present, followed by an opportunity for questions and discussion at OSCA on Sunday 30th June 3-4.30pm. All Welcome. Just turn up. No charge, but any donations will be sent to Save The Children (World Wide Fund).

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A wonderful saltglazed tankard came on the market last year, dated 1729, and inscribed with its owner's name, 'George Guyver, Hannam Hall' on the rim, just below the silver mount. The vessel is decorated with applied 'sprigs', comprising a bust of Queen Anne, flanked by two guards armed with 'spontoons', along with stylized trees, and the customary hunt scene, of a huntsman with his spotted dogs, chasing their quarry. It was described as being 'from Bristol', on the basis that there is a 'Hanham Hall', in that area. The applied decoration clearly identified this substantial vessel, standing 225mm (9") to the rim, as being a product of the Vauxhall Pottery, on the south bank of the Thames, on the west side of London.



all, as the name 'Guyver' (or even anything similar!), was not to be found in the south west of England, at the relevant time! The search was then on to identify the original owner!

Following much delving on the internet, it was actually the records available through the Henham History website, that provided the first clues as to who this might have been. They showed that there was a yeoman farmer by the name of 'George Guyver', living at the Hall in Henham, at exactly the right date, and this has subsequently been corroborated by other documents held at the Essex Record Office, referring to '*George Guyver, sen., of Henham, gent., and wife Mary and George Guyver, jun., of Henham, gent., their only son and heir*', dated 10th September 1731! So I believe that is conclusive, and the commissioning of his very own tankard might have been an affirmation of his status in the village! (The difference in the spelling of 'Hannam' and 'Henham' in such inscriptions is not uncommon in pieces of this age!)

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The splendid silver mount, with its acorn finial, is worth a mention in its own right, as it is not contemporary with the tankard itself, only being added in 1837; the year of Queen Victoria's coronation. Interestingly, the hallmark shows that this was made by the London silversmith, George Reid, between 29 May 1837 and 20 June 1837, immediately before the death of William IVth, and the accession to the throne of Queen Victoria.

Whilst undertaking this research, in a paper prepared by Mr. W. W. Hamilton Foyn, entitled 'Dated London Brown Saltglazed Hunting Mugs 1713-1775', I found a fascinating reference to another early sprigged saltglazed mug, from



Henham, also made by the Vauxhall Pottery! This was a very unusual double-handled mug, dated 1719, and inscribed '*Henry Bacon att Cock in Henham*', and held in the collection of the Colonial Williamsburg Foundation in Virginia, USA.

I'm indebted to Angelika Kuettner, curator of ceramics, for allowing me to reproduce images here of the Foundation's piece with this article.

It's interesting to speculate whether George Guyver would have seen the mug kept at the Cock, and if that might have influenced him when ordering his own from the same pottery, but we'll never know for sure!

I'd love to hear from anyone who might be able to provide any additional information about the Guyver family in Henham during the first half of the 18th Century, or where the tankard has resided since it was made, or indeed who commissioned the fitting of the mount in 1837!

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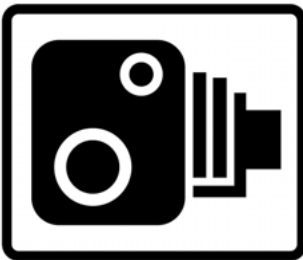
Ugley WI

The speaker at our April meeting was Peter Gibson a trustee of Saffron Walden Almshouses. A very popular speaker he gave a fascinating talk on the history of the almshouses, officially known as King Edward VI and Reverend Joseph Prime Almshouses. These were established in 1400 when the Guild of Our Lady of Pity was created in Saffron Walden by charter from Henry VI following a bequest of £40 from John and Eleanor Butler. The purpose of the guild was to provide almshouses for “the succor and sustenance of thirteen poor men such as be lame, crooked, blind, bed ridden and most in need”. Several local benefactors donated land and money to the guild. In 1694 new almshouses were built between today's Park Lane and the Slade, but by 1782 some had become so dilapidated that they were demolished and replaced. A new almshouse was completed by 1834 providing homes for thirty old people. The 20th century saw the building of bungalows in Prime's Close named after Reverend Joseph Prime in 1950, these in their turn are now being re-developed and made fit for 21st century living. Vacancies are advertised in the local press and on the almshouse's website www.swalmshouses.org.

Lynn Crooot will be the speaker at our June meeting to be held in Ugley Village Hall at 2pm on Wednesday 19th June when she will be ‘taking’ us on a journey to Tobago. Why not come along and join us for the afternoon. No passport required!

Andrea Fitt 01279 815922.

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We look forward to hearing from you.

Jim Heywood (Speedwatch co-ordinator)

In The Garden.

Good day to you Dear Reader, welcome to the June edition of the Dragon. Once again, I have been prevailed upon to impart some of my mindless and rambling “Pearls of (what in my world passes for) Wisdom to you.

Late May, early June is probably the best time to prune shrubs which have flowered, such as Forsythia, Ribes, Lilac and Spirea “Bridal Wreath”. Cut back all the shoots which have flowered, taking care not to cut into old wood. Next year’s flowers will be formed on the new wood which will result from the pruning. If you have Escallonia hedging or specimen shrubs, trimming them now will encourage flowering later on

If you have a greenhouse, in prolonged hot sunny periods (don’t laugh), conditions can become tropical to the detriment of many plants, so make sure to keep it well-ventilated and water regularly. Thinking of greenhouses leads me nicely into my next “useful tip of the month”. Tomatoes are one of the most popular fruits (yes, fruits) of the gardener, but they are also one of the favourite foods of the whitefly. They will attack tomatoes wherever they are grown, in- or outdoors. A simple way to deter them is to plant French Marigolds in between, or alongside the tomato plants. In the greenhouse a couple of pots of marigolds strategically placed will work wonders. They will look very attractive, but more importantly, the scent given off by the marigolds is a brilliant deterrent for whitefly. For some reason, the variety Boy ‘o’ Boy seems to work the best.

Staying on the subject of pests, birds look and sound wonderful, but the sight of them happily eating the seeds you have just planted or nibbling at the buds on your fruit trees transforms them and they quickly morph into demons of destruction. Before I get swamped with letters of complaint, casting me as an evil and heartless villain, let me explain. I love birds as much as the next person and do all I can to attract them into my garden, but they also cause me all kinds of headaches. A simple but harmless way of deterring them is to look in your cupboards for an old VHS tape. Most of us have one or two lying around the house somewhere. These can easily be recycled into literally hundreds of free bird scarers. Cut them into 2ft (60cm) lengths and tie them to 3ft (60cm) canes. The slightest breeze will cause the tape to flutter wildly and the shiny surface will reflect the light to further startle and discourage them.

June is also one of the best times for pruning Clematis. Many gardeners break out in a cold sweat when pruning Clematis is mentioned, but as long as you follow

these very simple rules, it really isn't difficult. There are basically two types of Clematis, early or late flowering and the type is the key as to when to prune. Early flowering Clematis are pruned when the flowers have died, which is about now. Later flowering Clematis are pruned in early spring. Cut out all the old and weak growth and reduce the remainder by about half. This will give the plant the whole summer to form new shoots, which will give masses of flower next year.

This is also the time when most people are preparing their baskets and tubs for the summer display. If, like me, you use a large number of these, you can get through a huge amount of compost. Here are a couple of tips which can help to make quite a big saving, Firstly, if you have large pots to fill, put a layer of broken up polystyrene in the bottom, instead of crocks. Many items we purchase nowadays come in protective packaging, usually polystyrene. This can be broken up and used in your pots and will help with drainage, make the pots lighter and save on compost. If you are re-filling old pots, only remove half the old compost. You can then add a slow-acting fertiliser such as blood, fish and bone to the remaining compost, mixing it in well. Top up with fresh compost and you are ready to go.. A similar tip for hanging baskets is to place a piece of plastic (you can cut up old carrier bags for this) in the bottom of the basket before you put the compost in and this will help to retain water and keep them moist for longer. Another good idea is to add some water-retaining gel to the compost. Opinions differ when planting baskets and tubs, some people prefer to leave space for plants to grow into and space the plants with space around them. Others (like me) prefer to pack the plants in, filling every available space. Either way is fine, as long as you achieve the desired result. If you are one of the "plant sparingly" folk, you can help the space filling process by pinching out the top two or three pairs of leaves of the plants while they are still quite small. This will make them fill out more quickly.

Ah well, I don't wish to outstay my welcome, so, depending on what the weather is doing, I shall either go out into the haven that is my garden and contemplate my navel, or go for my daily lie down in a darkened room.

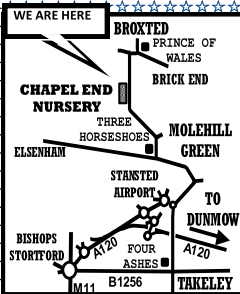
Just before I depart, may I remind you of the "Henham Open Gardens Day" on 9th June? This was such a success two years ago that Gerry Bigland and Amanda Mower have thrown themselves to the lions once again, so well done them.

All that remains now is for me to once again wish you and yours well and until next time, *Happy Gardening*.

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News from the Gardens of Eastern Lodge

After cold weather in April the plants at the Gardens were back on a more normal footing at the beginning of May – so there was lots for visitors to enjoy through the month: bluebells, followed by cowparsley, foxgloves then wild orchids, as well as the alliums, rock roses (*Helianthemum*) and roses in the flower borders; and the stunning pink hawthorn in the Glade, then the Indian Horse Chestnut's flower spires succeeding the British horse chestnuts.

And there are lots of flowers to look forward to in June, including the waterlilies in the Italian Garden, poppies everywhere and by the end of the month, the first



flowers in the dahlia border. The *Robinia pseudoacacia* tree's beautiful delicate pink pea-shaped flowers are my June favourite. The Trust's volunteers will be working hard to keep the Gardens tidy and to welcome visitors on Thursdays, with a steady flow of fresh produce for sale.

On 23 June the monthly Sunday Open Day will be a lavish Tudor event – with visitors invited to meet Lord Burleigh, Queen Elizabeth I's Chancellor and sponsor of Henry Maynard, pictured here who built Easton Lodge for his home in the 1590s. There will be Tudor activities for all the family, including archery, and Tudor music, played on shawms, trumpets, sackbutts, cornetts, lysards, bagpipes, recorders, gemshorns and fiddles. Fun and educational!

The Gardens are open from 11.00 and our volunteers provide refreshments. Tickets can be bought in advance for Sundays. There is no charge for children under 16 years old. Visitors can bring picnics and dogs on leads are welcome. For more information about tickets, times, activities and refreshments go to www.eastonlodge.co.uk/whats-on

Jill Goldsmith

Henham Tennis Club News

Where to begin, in what has been a busy start to the tennis season. Referring back to the AGM, the ladies Friday morning group (formerly the Ladies 2nd team



practice session) which has been running for many years under the watchful eye of Monica, has now been curtailed. As always, the Ladies love an excuse to have a ‘wine and dine’ get-together and so, true to custom in recognition of her commitment and expertise, Monica was thanked in a fitting manner as can be seen in the photo.

The first Finals of the year have now been played and, against all odds, it didn’t rain!....although there was a definite chill in the air. Nevertheless, a handful of hardy spectators rolled in to hopefully witness two absorbing contests. In truth, the main Pick ‘n Mix Final was disappointing as Isaac Wilson and Isobel Brooks produced a highly efficient, disciplined and inspiring performance to beat Brian Brooks and Matt Searson 6-1, 6-1. Solid ground strokes from Isobel, Isaac’s net play and good court coverage won the day.

The Plate Final however, although perhaps not quite possessing the finesse of the main event, certainly produced exciting rallies and a fluctuating scoreline. The first set belonged to Louis Wilson and Jo Mottram, whose consistency in those baseline rallies edged them ahead against Gerry Bigland and Paul Findlay. The second set saw Gerry and Paul gain momentum. Paul’s serve began to pose problems for the receivers and Louis and Jo had difficulty countering Gerry’s lobbing prowess. However, the end might have been in sight as Louis and Jo fought back from 2-4 to level the set at 5-5. It was not to be as Jo’s serve was broken and Paul served out the set. The match was tied at one set all which meant that the match would be decided by a Championship tie-break! A Championship (i.e. 10 point) tie-break follows the same format as a traditional 7 point tie-break: one player starts by serving one point, then it alternates between two successive serves from each player, with the winner the first person (pair) to reach 10 points, as long as they are at least 2 points ahead of their opponents. Simple...or is it! The first thing to remember is that the order of serving remains the same. From the second serve onwards the first serve is from the left side of the court.. confusion...after every 6 points the players change ends....confusion....”now where do we start serving?”confusion...”what was the score?”

....confusion....and so on! I hasten to add that although ‘confusion’ can abound Monica was on hand to safely guide the players along this tricky path! Excitement and tension was in abundance and, at 7-7 it was still anyone’s game. But there always has to be a winner and the last three points were won by Gerry and Paul, who won the match by the smallest of margins: 4-6, 7-5, 10-7. Congratulations to all eight finalists for producing an absorbing and fun filled afternoon of tennis. Unfortunately, I had to leave before the end so my thanks to Monica for presenting the winners with their Pick ‘n Mix Trophies. Thanks also to all the caterers for their scrumptious cakes (Vanessa, Amanda, Sarah and Sally), and the provision of cups of tea and coffee.



The Finalists



Two chilly spectators – Guess Who?!

As seems traditional at this time of year I managed a day’s tennis at the Mutua Madrid Open where Rafa Nadal was making his final appearance. As luck would have it, we saw him in action in an epic three- hour marathon against a ‘new boy on the block’: Pedro Cachin, the Argentinian number 91 in the world, who certainly gave him a run for his money. Inevitably the stadium was full, the atmosphere electric, the noise deafening with relentless chants of ‘Rafa, Rafa’, rhythmic clapping that grew in volume, deafening silence as Rafa served (once he had gone through his customary routine including ‘hitching’ his shorts), the inevitable call from a distant part of the stand as the players attempt to serve (oh for the decorum and social etiquette of Wimbledon!) and pulsating, energy sapping tennis. Long punishing rallies, deft drop shots, heavy top spin, ferocious ground strokes.....and rather hard seats! I must remember to take a cushion next time! Nadal did win this match: 6-1, 6-7 (5-7), 6-3 but look out for Cachin in future tournaments! In his post match interview Nadal commented that, in playing his idol Cachin told him that “he had made a dream come true”. Sad to say Nadal

lost his match the following evening to Jiri Lehecka (the 30th seed) to end his 'love affair' with the Madrid Open, which he had won on five occasions. An emotional Nadal received a special presentation with five banners picturing his five wins falling down from the closed roof of the Caja Magica as Madrid said goodbye to its greatest champion. It seemed quite a privilege to be there this year, especially to witness his last victory.

Returning to the tennis schedule in Henham, the summer Small Clubs League is now well under way with our teams hoping to fare as well as they certainly did during the winter. Club sessions now take place on Wednesday evenings and Sunday afternoons, depending on court availability due to club matches. The Club Championships draw has been made and all participants are encouraged to arrange matches sooner rather than later in order to ensure that the tournament runs smoothly. The culmination of the matches will be on SATURDAY 13th JULY: FINAL'S DAY.

Now here is this month's limerick, as it happens on the subject of tournaments!

Of tournament tennis it's spoken
That the rule books no more than a token;
For the players require
A congenial umpire
Who agrees that the rules are best broken.

In conclusion simply remember:
EVERY DAY IS A GREAT DAY WHEN YOU PLAY TENNIS!

John G Smith

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Henham and Ugley school

Dear Villagers,

As we fast approach the end of the academic year, we enter the busiest (and hottest) time of the year at school. Our year 6 children have got their statutory assessments out the way and they are now looking forward to their residential, leavers show and their final few days at Henham and Ugley Primary School. The 23rd July will be a day they will never forget as they leave school with very happy memories.

As a special treat for all the children, we are planning our first ever ‘Whole School Trip’. This is something not many schools can make happen but for us will become a unique offering to our beloved children. This year we will be visiting Colchester Zoo where each child will attend an educational workshop improving their cultural capital.

The teachers at school are also planning a very exciting Sports Day. Our PSA and team of volunteers are developing our beautiful new library, which we are keeping top secret until its done. Standby for the big reveal in next months’ edition.

I know there was some controversy earlier this year regarding the Old Church Pews as they were pulled out of Henham Church, and I heard that villagers were worried as to where they were going. I’m delighted to announce that they have been saved and given a new lease of life in our newly designed Reception and Nursery classrooms.

We are exploring the Curiosity Approach with our youngest children which allows for explorative play, allowing them to improve their imagination, inquisitive nature and natural curiosity. These are all skills that we feel children of this generation would help them in many different ways as they grow up.

Mr Benjamin Davey. Headteacher



Encounters of the Third Kind. Boldly venturing on a European holiday alone, Stansted member Susan Sedgebeer was pleased to happen upon a fellow u3a member from Bishop Auckland. The happy coincidence, miles from the UK, led to an interesting arrangement. Fast forward to Sunday 7th April when eight Stansted members drove to Cambridge to meet up with a large party from Bishop Auckland u3a! They joined together for a guided tour of the city given by the knowledgeable Tony Rodgers MA BSc. All ‘Thirdagers’ had a super time and recommend being a tourist in your own city! The Garden Group recently looked into the History of the Cottage Garden with the help of Andrew Sankey, gardener, author and lecturer. Forget any chocolate

box notions with hollyhocks at the gate. The original Cottage Gardens were a key source of food for their inhabitants (as well as the site of their al fresco restrooms). Any hollyhocks were self-seeded, not deliberately planted.

The itchy feet of the Bus Pass Group took them to the Botanical Gardens in Cambridge for their recent outing. The beautiful array of lilacs, orange blossom and magnolias did not disappoint the travellers. Inside the hothouses, where they took refuge from the cold winds, they found the exotic Jade Vine. This plant is usually pollinated by bats - with none available the Botanical Gardeners have had to do this by hand to ensure a crop of juicy fruits later in the year. Sadly, the group arrived in Cambridge by means of the train, having taken the decision that the buses were less than reliable. Let us hope this does not become a permanent situation.

Finally, do please remember that new members are always very welcome. Please check out the website: u3asites.org.uk/stansted or phone 07874385541 to find out more information about the variety of activities on offer. **Julia Cook**

The Hundred Parishes Society www.hundredparishes.org.uk



The Hundred Parishes includes much of the extensive barley-growing area of the Hertfordshire and Essex borders. The malting of barley in preparation for its use in the brewing industry was a significant activity in several of our larger villages and market towns, especially along the River Stort, from the 18th to the 20th centuries.

Great Dunmow Maltings

Evidence is still to be found in the form of place names indicating the location of former maltings, such as *Malting(s) Lane* in Much Hadham and Chrishall; and in the names of buildings that were once maltings or associated with one nearby. Thus there are a number of *Malting(s) Cottage(s)*, as in Linton, Bartlow, Much Hadham, Aspenden and Ugley; and *Old Maltings* as at Manuden, Arkesden and Great Chesterford. In Little Hallingbury there is *Malting Farm* and *The Old Brick Malting*.

As well as conversion to private houses, surviving maltings have been renovated and converted to a variety of uses. Great Dunmow's is now a museum and community resource. In Wethersfield the maltings is now the village hall and shop, while the station maltings in Newport and those in Central Arcade in Saffron Walden are commercial premises. Multi-storey maltings in Sheering have been converted into apartments and in Stanstead Abbots to a business centre.



Manuden Old Maltings

The classic form of a malting reflects the various processes which took place within the building. Grain was hauled in through the *lucam* or hoist housing at one end of the building where it was then steeped in water to start the germination process. The grain was laid out on *germination floors* before growth was halted at a particular stage by applying heat in the *kiln* at the other end of the building. The process of initiating and then halting germination is known as *malting*.

Ken McDonald, Secretary



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The Market is now up and running every last Saturday of every month, but just to make things easier, these are the dates for the rest of 2024: -

- **29th JUNE**
- **27th JULY**
- **28th SEPTEMBER**
- **26th OCTOBER**
- **30th NOVEMBER (our festive market).**

We will have many of our fabulous regular sellers, such as the delicious Mapuldor sourdough bread, the brilliant Mel with her preserves, chutneys and oils, the Flying Pig Company's local meat just perfect for the weekend, the most amazing cakes and fresh coffee from Coco Fleur, even your dog is catered for with Sid n Ivy's superb homemade dog treats!

You will be able to buy eggs, honey, flowers, homemade savouries perfect for lunch, fish and other frozen yummy products, British cheeses, wild local game, freshly made chilli jams and ginger jellies, homemade fresh & natural juice shots, and we are constantly on the lookout for new and fresh ideas, so make sure you pop by.

Helen will be there with Ernie, her converted milk float selling food refills like rice, pasta, etc, so be sure to bring your containers! She will also have her sustainable cleaning products too.

Do make sure you come and enjoy our fabulous Market and help support these local, fledgling businesses, and of course all proceeds from the Market go to local charities.

No charge for entry, you just need to enjoy all the gorgeous produce!

Best wishes, **The Elsenham Farmers Market Team**

Church News

Reverend Louis Wilson writes...



By the time you read this, our churches will be in the midst of hosting Olympic Adventure Bible Holiday Club in Henham and Ugley School Hall. Games, challenges, medals, songs, craft and a book in the Bible called Acts. Holiday Club was open to all Primary School age children whichever school they attend (or not). It might not be too late to sample what we do at the closing Ceremony (All-age Service) at HUSCH on Sunday 2 June at 10.15 am.

Of course, the actual Olympic Games return to Paris this summer for the first time since 1924. The 1924 Games were made famous in Britain by the participation of Eric Liddle who was both an outstanding track athlete and a Scotland rugby international.

In the run up to the games, he was known to be an exceptional sprinter. But it became clear that the heats for the 100m. dash would take place on a Sunday. Because of his Christian conviction to keep Sundays as a day for worship and rest, not work or organised recreations, he had long since resolved not to compete on the Lord's Day and therefore could not qualify for the 100m. He started to train for the 400m instead.

What happened in the Olympic 400m final was extraordinary. Ten years later, his great rival Harold Abrahams recorded: 'From the start Liddle ran like a man inspired. He set off at a pace which looked so ludicrously fast that we expected him to crack... But he seemed to maintain it right to the finish and won by yards and yards in the new Olympic record time of 47.6 seconds.'

He returned to Scotland as a hero. But having been born to missionary parents in China, he chose in 1925, to leave Scotland to return to the land of his birth as a missionary teacher.

And he was there when the Japanese invaded and overran the country. As the situation deteriorated, he arranged for his pregnant wife and two daughters to leave for Canada. But Eric Liddle stayed, and along with other British nationals was interned in what was effectively a civilian prison camp.

He died in the camp in 1945 aged 43, 6 months before it was liberated by American troops. His grave was marked with a cross on which his name was inscribed with black boot polish, but the grave is unknown today. His third daughter was born in Toronto in 1941, but sadly never met her father.

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His story was partly remembered in the 1981 film, Chariots of Fire, a film well worth watching but which scarcely does justice to the man. On the day he died, a fellow internee made this diary entry:

He certainly didn't look like a great runner, but the fact that he had been gave him a self-confidence that men of his type don't often have. He wasn't a great leader or inspired thinker, but he knew what he ought to do and he did it. He was a true disciple of the Master. We have lost of our best, but we have gained a fragrant memory.

With best wishes,

Louis

From The Parish Registers

Burial of Ashes:

- On Saturday 20th April 2024 in Henham Churchyard, Penelope Anne Hatt.
- On Saturday 27th April 2024 in Henham Churchyard, Roshan Banatvala.

Wedding:

- On Friday 10th May 2024 at St Mary's Church, Elsenham, Daniella Charlotte Blackie and Glen Anthony Church.

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Enquiries about thanksgivings, baptisms, weddings and funerals should be made in the first instance to Anna Hicks at the Church Office 01279 814285.

Church Events in Our Villages in June 2024

Church Services

Sunday 2nd June

- 10:15** All Together All Age Service,
Holiday Club Special, HUSCH,
Henham
- 18:00** Sunday@6, HUSCH, Henham

Sunday 9th June

- 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, HUSCH, Henham

Sunday 16th June

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

Sunday 23rd June

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

Sunday 30th June

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

Ladies' Summer Pudding Evening

Wed 19th June, 7.30 for 8pm, OSCA

Puddings, drinks, fun crafts, lots of chat and
a surprising tale of lost and found.

Other regular events

SUNDAYS:

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

**Starts at EVH then onto
Old Franks, Elsenham, 10.15am**
Sundays: 9th, 16th, 23rd & 30th

Pathfinders (Y6-Y9)

**HUSCH, Henham 6.00pm - leave from
service to meet in the Church Hall,
Henham.** Sundays: 9th, 16th, 23rd & 30th

Crammin' (Y10-Y13)

**HUSCH, Henham 6.00pm - leave from
service to meet at OSCA, Henham.**
Sundays: 9th, 16th, 23rd & 30th

MID-WEEK AND SATURDAY:

Start the Week with Prayer

Church Hall, Henham 9.30am
Mondays: 3rd, 10th, 17th & 24th

Seekers After School Bible Club

(Y3-Y4) Old Frank's 3.20pm Mondays:
3rd, 10th, 17th & 24th

Christian Play (Y1-Y2)

Rowan House, Elsenham 3.15pm
Tuesdays: 4th, 11th, 18th & 25th

Little Fishes Pre-School Group

Church Hall, Henham 10.30am
Thursday: 6th, 13th, 20th & 27th

Little Fishes Pre-School Group

Elsenham Memorial Hall 10.00am
Fridays: 7th, 14th, 21st & 28th

Church Lunch Club

Elsenham Memorial Hall 12.30pm
Fridays: (2nd & 4th Friday of the month):
14th & 28th

Afternoon Tea

OSCA, Henham 2.00pm, sat 15th

For information on any of these events, please contact office@heuchurch.co.uk

Village Diary Regular Clubs and Meetings

Mondays

9.30 – 11.00	am	Dinky Dragons (term times)	Henham Village Hall
10.00 - 12.00	am	Tennis, Ladies' Rusty Racquets	Henham Tennis Courts
7.00 start	pm	Omega running/Walking club	Meet outside Cock Inn
7.00 – 8.00	pm	Yoga	Henham Village Hall
7.00 – 9.00	pm	Table Tennis Club	OSCA

Tuesdays

9.15 - 11.15	am	Badminton Club	HUSCH
5.15 – 6.15	pm	Beavers (term time)	Ugley Village Hall
5.30 - 6.15	pm	Street & Com. Dance: Age 8-10	OSCA
6.30 – 7.15	pm	Cubs (term times)	Ugley Village Hall
6.15 - 7.20	pm	Street & Com. Dance: Age 11+	OSCA
7.20 - 8.20	pm	Adult Dance Class	OSCA

Wednesdays

11.00-1.00		Tennis men'	Henham Tennis Courts
3.30 - 5.00	pm	Junior Tennis	Henham Tennis Courts
5.45 – 6.45	pm	Beavers (term times)	Ugley Village Hall
5.30 – Dusk	pm	Tennis Club Sessions	Henham Tennis Courts
7.00 – 8.45	pm	Scouts (term times)	Ugley Village Hall
7.30 – 9.00	pm	Badminton Club	HUSCH

Thursdays

9.00 - 11.00	am	Pilates	OSCA
10.30 - 11.30	am	Little Fishes (in term time)	Church Hall
1.45 - 2.45	pm	Tots/Preschool tennis	Henham Tennis courts
3.30 – 4.00	pm	Junior Tennis	Henham Tennis Courts
5.30 – 6.15	pm	Karate: Beginners - Green	Henham Village Hall
6.00 – 7.15	pm	Cubs (term time)	Ugley Village Hall
6.15 – 7.00	pm	Karate: Intermediate +	Henham Village Hall
7.45 - 9.00	pm	Bell Ringing Practice	Henham Church

Fridays

9.00 -10.30	am	Tennis Ladies'	Henham Tennis Courts
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Saturdays

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

Sundays

4.30 – 6.30	pm	Tennis Club Session	Henham Tennis Courts
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Annual Parish Meeting.

Address given By Nick Baker

I want to start by introducing our Councillors seated here down the front. Our Parish Cllrs are Simon Lee, Mark Fisher, Peter Franklin, Garry LeCount, Jonathan Leach Chris Walker and Zoe Rutterford. We also welcome our new District Cllrs, and Bianca Donald. We also welcome our County Cllr Ray Gooding.

Budgets. A main duty of the Council is setting, collecting, and managing the budgets, our expenditure last year 23/24 were £72,694 and budget was £46,668. The administration of this Parish Council budget is quite a demanding task, and we thank our Clerk Mareike for her diligence in ensuring we follow Governance rules and regulations, and Trevor Judd for preparing our accounts for audit.

The PCs invested assets at present total £1,009,183.27. The Parish Council held the precept in 2023/4 and again in 24/25 - making no increase at all. The PC understands that times are tough at present, and I think the freezing of the precept was a sensible step. Our part of the Council Tax bill is the smallest of any other village in Uttlesford. Other notable everyday expenditure includes grass cutting, tree maintenance; street furniture maintenance, war memorial garden, cemetery gardens, bus shelter maintenance and church cemetery maintenance and all the other assets that the Parish owns and maintains. I will delve a little more into these aspects in a short while. We also managed the allotments, which are free to users, if they are maintained properly.

Village Hall. The PC was very pleased to have paid for to the refurbishment of the Village Hall. We would like to thank everyone who has volunteered over the past few years to help get us to this stage of the refurbishment and revitalisation of the Village Hall especially Andy Eardley for bringing his expertise to delivering the building phase, Justin Rhodes as Chairman of the Village Hall Committee, and his role in securing valuable external grants, and the Village Hall Committee, all volunteers, working to help ensure a community hub for all. We also thank the contractors, who mostly came from the village, for their contribution. Lastly, I thank Mark Fisher who, as the PC Cllr with the Village Hall responsibilities, has also taken a major role in seeing this ambitious project to a finish in the Spring of 2023.

Liasson The other duties of the Council include liaison with the committees for the shop, OSCA and the Church. The Parish Council is continuing to contribute the entire cost of the village Post Office at £11,971.25 last year to ensure we keep our post office open. This PC is convinced that the Post Office and Village Shop are very important assets to our village and are determined to support it financially, as do many other of our residents support it with their time.

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Dog Fouling. Six years ago, we introduced an initiative aimed at stopping the disgusting dog fouling of our village greens. We distribute, free of charge, dog poo bags through the Village Shop, this year we have distributed 40,000 bags at a cost of £630.29 and, although we still get complaints about dog poo fouling the greens, we think the provision has helped keeping our greens poo free. Without this initiative I think the problem would be much worse.

Neighbourhood Speed watch. Another initiative which has continued this year, has been the Neighbourhood Speed Watch under the watchful eye of Jim Heywood and Simon Bambridge. The Parish Council has installed 2 speed cameras in Mill Road and Chickney Road. Speed Watch have also requested and received a new speed gun which enables enforcement action to be taken against speeding motorists. Now that the speed signs are up and running, we can measure their effectiveness. Our initial impression is, that by studying the data downloaded regularly in the cameras, we are making a difference. Speeding in the village is getting under better control. At present Cllr Peter Franklin is trying to get authority for a further speed camera in Old Mead Road, he is hitting some Essex County Council Highways barriers, but we will keep trying.

Police Community Support Officer. A further initiative has been the continuing agreement to share a Police Community Support Officer with Stansted Mountfitchet. We have been allocated 33% of the officer's time which will cost the Parish Council £5000. 50% of the police officers time is funded by Uttlesford District Council PA. The other 50% funded by the two Parishes. Essex Police are responsible for training and equipment. The Parish Council feels the reassurance of the presence of a police officer in the village is welcome. Our PCSO, is Alex, He has already been very active in the Village and works alongside Village Organisations, he is very approachable and would like to meet as many villagers as possible and discuss any areas of concern, He holds regular surgeries in the Village Shop, dates for which are published in the Dragon and on the village website.

Parish Council Henham Website. Another continuing initiative has been the updating and maintaining the Parish Council Henham Website. The website has now been updated, under the watchful eye of our Clerk and Cllr Simon Lee. It is our aim that this becomes an interactive village resource for up-to-date information, events and sharing of all that is great in the village. The new website now also complies with the relevant legal regulations. Along with Henham Facebook the PC aims to use the website to communicate with the village.

Correspondence. Our Clerk, Mareike deals with an ever-increasing amount of e mails and correspondence, all of which must be read in detail to ensure that any issues that impact upon Henham are recognised and dealt with. With planning issues Cllr



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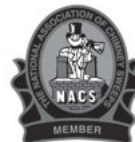


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Simon Lee heads, a small subgroup that can comment and contribute to any decisions made by Uttlesford further down the line.

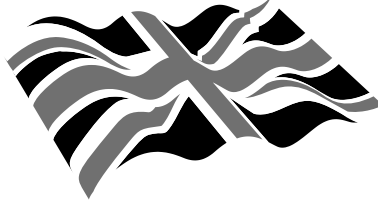
Ultrafast Broadband. BT Open Reach is installing ultrafast broadband over the whole village which should be completed early summer. We all welcome the much better broadband, and new company Gigaclear has introduced ultrafast broadband to the Village earlier this year. These are exciting developments especially for residents running businesses or working from home. The PC will keep residents up to date with further developments as they arise. The installation of the networks has caused some disruption and we have tried to keep these to a minimum. Residents have a choice between the two providers and that, of course, is a matter for them. The PC is pleased that everybody has a choice of Broadband providers to suit their personal circumstances.

Planning and Development. So, what at present are our concerns and issues? The infamous Fairfield Development, now the Bloor development that we have fought against since 2007, and at one time reached 5200 houses between Elsenham and Henham, has concluded with the granting of 350 houses on the outskirts of Elsenham, east of the Crown pub wholly in Elsenham Parish and more recently a further 200 extra houses on Henham Parish land abutting this development making 550 in total. We fought against this extra 200 development to the very end and were bitterly disappointed when a Planning Inspector granted permission. The main obstacle to our objections was the UDC lack of a 5-year housing supply and a Local Plan in Uttlesford. More on the Local Plan in a moment.

A further development which we fought and won at appeal was 220 houses in Bedwell Road adjacent to Elsenham Station. Unfortunately, despite a planning permission refusal by a Planning Inspector the developer has resubmitted the application increasing the number of houses to 240. We are considering this application at present and have engaged a sound consultant to advise us as at the last hearing the Inspector refused the application mainly on the impact of sound from the M11. When we receive the advice, we will be encouraging residents to object before the closing date of 15th May.

As you know the development of 45 houses on land south of Vernon's Close ended in further disappointment. Having been unanimously refused by UDC Planning, the developer appealed against the decision and after a one-week hearing the Inspector allowed the appeal. Reading the lengthy Inspectors report the reader would be convinced the Inspector was going to refuse the appeal until the last page or two, when the failure of the 5-year housing supply and lack of a local Plan, took precedent. The build will start in the autumn, we are liaising with the Developer Bellway Homes to ensure that residents concerns are heard and dealt with. I'd like to thank Cllr Chris Walker for taking on the role as liaison with Bellway.

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The Local Plan. I would now like to update you on the Local Plan. We had what's called the Section 18 consultation on the Local Plan at the end of last year. When the consultation was announced is set out housing number expectations for each Parish and Town. Henham was allocated 112 houses to be built before 2041. Whilst studying these figures we noticed that the 200 houses in the Bloor development had not been credited to Henham Parish. This, we said, meant that Henham Parish should be allocated nil housing in the Local Plan, as had happened to our friends in Elsenham where the development there had been recognised. We wrote to the Head of UDC Planning and responded to the consultation pointing out this error in the figures. Unfortunately, and in our view unfairly, UDC Planning have changed the rules. The Section 18 consultation was conducted on a Parish basis, but this has now changed to a Settlement basis. This means that the 200 houses on the Bloor development have been allocated to the 'Bloor Settlement' and not credited to Henham Parish. Leaving Henham with the 112-house figure unchanged. This, we believe smacks of unfair manipulation of the housing figures. Unfortunately, we have had to engage legal advice to challenge this decision., it is always regrettable when a Parish Council is forced to instruct lawyers to advise on decisions made by the District Council, but we will not be railroaded into agreeing with bad decisions which affects Henham Parish.

One of the main duties of the Parish Council is to protect the Henham Conservation area.

The Parish Council will continue to oppose in filling or developments onto plots in or near the conservation area of the Village. The Conservation report completed in 2011 emphasises the importance of the open aspects and views through into the countryside in Henham. The sense of space together with our precious village greens are what makes Henham a great place to live. Your PC will fight tooth and nail to protect these features.

Fighting all these planning applications and contributing to the Local Plan is very time consuming and very expensive, but without our organisation and professional advice, and your support, both financially and your presence at hearings, we would already have had thousands of houses built between Elsenham and Henham, basically joining the two villages. Your PC is not against sustainable development in the village, and we have already accepted in this plan period well over 170 houses including some affordable housing. However, we will continue to fight against opportunistic development and developments that, in our judgement, spoil the beauty of the village. You can already see the traffic chaos in Stansted and there are another 1000 plus houses under construction. It is madness to construct so many houses without a proper supporting infrastructure.

Fund raising is very important to fight these planning applications and I commend Cllr Mark Fisher for his monthly draw which raises money to fight these applications. This year it has raised £4434 and anyone who has not signed up for the village monthly draw please consider doing so.



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Now let me spend a few moments talking about improving the fabric of the Village. It is this PCs wish that Henham remains one of the most beautiful villages in the area. We continue to maintain and improve our greens, our ponds, our street furniture and our trees, hedges, and paths. Our allotments are a pleasure to visit, we are full up with 22 plots taken. I want to particularly commend Peter Smith and Cllr Chris Walker for their work on the allotment wooded area which they are turning into a natural bluebell wood with spring bulbs and seating. The continuing improvements to the allotments are a credit to them both.

We are constantly looking across the village to see any areas which need improving and as ever rely on residents' comments. Adjacent to the allotments is the Cemetery which is administered on behalf of the PC by Linda Peake, Linda, we thank you for all the tasks you do on behalf of the Village.

Let me restate the council's policy on rights of access across our village greens. We will not allow any new right of access across our greens, and we are unlikely to allow any additional access across existing rights of access, save in the most exceptional circumstances, where we think an improvement takes place.

A couple of years ago we purchased the woodland opposite Hill Top Yard. This was purchased as the PC did not want another long and expensive planning application with the risk of a traveller's site. We are still considering the best way forward for this woodland to improve its natural diversity, we have recently hosted a visit to the Woodland by Nation Trust and are studying their advice. We are also liaising with other national bodies to seek advice. I thank Cllr Chris Walker for heading this progress.

Mineral extraction. Another issue that has involved a serious amount of effort is the consultation on mineral extraction sites over Essex. A site next to the used extraction site in Pledgdon Green is on the list. This site was rejected as a mineral site by a Planning Inspector in 2012. Thank you to the residents who have objected to this site and in particular Cllr Zoe Rutterford who has co-ordinated our responds.

Another concern is the recent announcement of a consultation on night flights at Stansted Airport, this is a blatant attempt by MAG to do away with night flight restrictions at Stansted. Cllr Fisher is leading the fight to keep the very sensible restrictions on night flights. The consultation closes on 22nd May 2024 and Cllr Mark Fisher is posting advice on how to respond on website and Facebook. Please make sure you respond.

This year we started a process of renewing our bylaws. The present Henham Bylaws were written in 1928 and are well out of date. We have rewritten them, and they are presently with our Solicitors awaiting ratification. We will publish them when they become law.



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I also wanted to mention the Henham D Day celebrations on Saturday June 22nd on Woodend Green. Simon Bambridge is the coordinator for this event and the PC would like to thank him for his efforts. I should also like to thank those who organised the Coronation Celebrations last summer, it was a splendid event.

So, I hope I have painted a scene of a very busy industrious and I hope, successful Parish Council.

It remains for me to thank the Parish Councillors for their hard work in supporting the village. This has been an incredibly busy period for the Parish Council. I think few residents would have any appreciation of the administration required to run a Parish Council which gets more every year. I would like to thank all the Cllrs for their considerable efforts in giving up their time to make this village the great place it is to live in.

Lastly, I particularly want to thank our Clerk Mareike who does such a splendid job. Hardworking, always amenable, always helpful, we are very lucky to have her. We do have a progressive forward-thinking Parish Council and I believe that our village is in good shape and will get even better with our future plans. Thank you for attending, we will now take questions or suggestions.

Nick Baker

Minutes (unapproved) of Henham Parish Council Meeting

Date: Thursday 2 May 2024 7.30 pm

Venue: OSCA, Henham

Present: Cllrs N. Baker, S. Lee, P. Franklin, M. Fisher, J. Leech, C. Walker and Clerk M. Dacey

Declaration of interests: The Chair reminded Councillors of their duty to declare any relevant personal or pecuniary interests.

1. Apologies for Absence: District Cllrs B. Donald and P. Lees, Cllrs Z. Rutterford and G. LeCount and County Cllr R. Gooding

2. Approval of the Minutes of the Last Meeting

The minutes of the 4 April 2024 meeting was approved and signed by the Chair.

3. Matters Arising –

4. Reports and Recommendations



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

- 1 Greens damage – (1) Erosion** - It was previously agreed a review of the damage will be conducted in the spring by the Chair and Cllr Leech, including review of flooding on greens by Heathfield. **(2) Driveways across greens & Construction damage to Greens by Hollybank** – It was previously agreed the Chair and Cllr Leech will assess the damage. This will be carried out when the greens have dried out. **(3) Construction damage to Greens by York Cottage** – It is noted that there is damage to greens on the driveway. The Parish Council will monitor whilst works are still ongoing.
- 2 Greens Bylaws** – Final version now agreed with solicitors and it is going through the government ratification process.
- 3 Greens Access** – The clerk has circulated Counsel’s opinion with a further query to be answered by Counsel to all cllrs prior to this meeting. It was agreed to instruct our solicitors to notify any owners/developers of the Parish Council’s position on greens access.
- 4 Coronation commemoration** – Cllrs Fisher and Leech have arranged to meet on 3/5/24 to look at locating the structure on the greens by Starr Garage.
- 5 Tree Inspection** – works completed. Contractor to review concerns raised by residents re tree in allotments and tree by the pond in School Lane/Crow Street.
- 6 Church works** – Nothing to report
- 7 Resurfacing The Row** – The Row path falls within the ownership of the Henham Parish Council as it is part of the greens. Repairs to be undertaken once the weather improves.
- 8 Village ponds** - Investigating title to village ponds which appear to be unregistered.
- 9 Cemetery/Allotment tap** – The leaking tap has now been replaced – cost £151.00.
- 10 Parking by War Memorial/Crow Street junction** – The Parish Council is aware of concerns raised by several residents regarding the parking of cars along Crow Street only yards from the war memorial junction which is obstructing the view on exiting from the war memorial and turning left onto Crow Street. The Parish Council is monitoring the situation.

Portrait of King – Portrait received and installed in OSCA.

Village ponds/Woodland – (a) Cllr Walker has been liaising with Woodland Trust requesting assistance, however, they cannot assist directly as it is not classed as an ancient woodland, however, they have directed us to a number of links and avenues we could pursue, Cllr Walker will be reviewing these and continues to liaise with our ecologist. (b) Cllrs Walker and Baker had a very



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productive meeting with the owners of Planteria who are keen to support our community. Cllr Walker to implement introductions between Planteria and the school and Woodland Trust regarding the woodland.

Village Hall – (1) **General** – Cllr Fisher proposed renewing the £5000 annual grant, payable in 2 instalments, usually April (retrospectively) and September, seconded by Cllr Leech, approved nem con.

PCSO – The next beat surgery is 22nd May 10.45am-12pm in the Henham Shop. Chair has been asked to liaise with the police regarding the PCSO contract renewal and a meeting regarding funding in April has now been rearranged for 7/5/24, Chair to attend.

Speedwatch – It was agreed to renew the maintenance contract which is up for renewal and a quote was circulated to Cllrs for review prior to this meeting – 2 Year Contract (2024-2026): 2 x Swarco provided MVAS/MYSI Sign Total = £1,573.61 Excluding VAT. It was also agreed the Speedwatch team can purchase a body cam for security and recording purposes.

Management of Pledgdon Green – (a) **Ownership of Common Land** - Cllr Rutterford will continue to liaise with local farmer who might be able to obtain a grant for the upkeep of the common land. (b) **Conservation Area Status** - It was previously agreed that the Parish Council would split the costs with Broxted Parish Council for Place Services to look into extending the proposed conservation area to include to the Pledgdon Green area. Cllr Rutterford to liaise with Broxted PC to see if the report has been issued.

Village Broadband – Openreach and Gigaclear both have plans to bring Ultrafast Broadband to Village. The Parish Council has a responsibility to ensure residents are fully informed of both endeavours and have the information to make an informed decision that suits them: (1) **Openreach** - Openreach has confirmed the installation is going well and to date they have cable and equipment in the ground from the exchange on Mill Road, up until the church, by parsonage farm (not including Vernon's close). (2) **Gigaclear** – Gigaclear have previously advised that the roll out will commence imminently.

D Day June 2024 celebrations – A resident and his team have kindly volunteered to organise an event to be held on Saturday 22nd June 2024, 1940's theme with a band, BBQ, army tanks. This event will not be run by the Parish Council. Insurance to be covered by fete committee's own insurance, copy now supplied to the Parish Council. Cllr Lee will be assisting the volunteers in the organisation of the event in his capacity as a resident and not as a Cllr.

Stansted/Elsenham Surgery merger – Update re surgery merger previously circulated to councillors by Cllr LeCount prior to this meeting - The merger is 100% confirmed, although there is still an issue with IT systems, that will not be operable until July. This delay will have no effect on the day to day running of both surgeries. He also had a meeting with UDC CEO and the Dr Senior partner in the Dunmow practice on the 12th April to discuss two major issues (a)The

health 106 Developer monies and the ICB and (b) General Primary Health Care in the Uttlesford District.

Defibrillator – The Parish Council thanks the volunteers for their continuing monitoring of the village defibrillator which is located by OSCA, new batteries have been installed.

Remembrance Sunday Road Closure – Clerk has applied to UDC for the usual Remembrance Sunday Road Closure Order at the War Memorial for 10th November 2024.

(ii) Finance

<u>Receipts</u>				
<u>From Whom</u>	<u>Description</u>	<u>Amount</u>		
SOV 100	February draw	£392.00		
SOV 100	March draw	£392.00		
Village Shop	Shop donations	£25.00		
Village Shop	Shop donations	£20.00		
<u>To Whom</u> <u>(Invoice no.)</u>	<u>Description</u>	<u>Amount</u>	<u>VAT</u>	<u>Total</u>
M Dacey	April Salary	£462.30	£0.0	£462.30
Simon Lee	Refund for D Day flag	£34.80	£0.0	£34.80
Essex Association of Local Councils (17658)	EALC & NALC Affiliation fees	£417.39	£0.0	£417.19
Rural Community Council of Essex	RCCE Membership fee	£49.75	£9.95	£59.70
JRB Enterprise Ltd (26708)	Dog poo bags	£66.64	£13.33	£79.97
PA Knott (62429)	Grass cut 3-4 and 17-4	£960.00	£0.0	£960.00

Dr Pushpaben Mistry	Refund for defibrillator batteries	£325.00	£65.00	£390.00
MD Newland (1452)	Allotment tap plumbing replacement costs	£151.00	£0.0	£151.00
Stanley Tee LLP (380021)	Right of Way solicitor legal fees	£150.00	£30.00	£180.00
Pat Doughty	Replacement no parking on greens sign	£250.00	£0.0	£250.00
Treecology (02047)	Tree Report tree works & holly tree in Church yard	£2030.00	£406.00	£2436.00

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. This is ongoing. Nationwide accrued interest paid on 31/3/24 amounts to £9,467.84 and £12,297.29 respectively.

2023-2024 Accounts – Q3 Accounts for 23/24 have been signed off by Cllr Fisher.

(iii) Planning and Developments –

- **UTT/24/0786/OP** – proposed Outline application, with all matters reserved except for access, for the demolition of existing buildings and the erection of 1 no. dwelling with associated works, Rear Of Dunroamin Old Mead Road – Cllr Franklin declared an interest and absented himself from any discussions.
- **UTT/24/0983/PIP** – proposed Planning in Principle Application for permission in principle for the erection of 2 no. dwellings, Water Tower Barn Chickney Road Henham (in the parish of Debden)
- **UTT/24/0817/HHF & UTT/24/0818/LB** – proposed Construction of a single storey enclosed porch at the back door. Replace back door, addition of opening skylight in utility room to improve ventilation, Dolls Cottage, The Row
- **UTT/23/1732/FUL** – Re-consultation proposed Change of use of paddock to residential and construction of 3 no. residential dwellings, Tudor Hall Pledgdon Green Brick End Road. Cllr Rutterford has declared an interest and is absenting herself from any discussions.

Breaches: none

Appeals: APP/C1570/W/24/3339629 (UTT/23/1382/FUL) Erection of a new detached 4 bedroom dwelling, Four Winds, Old Mead Lane - An appeal has been made to the Secretary of State against the decision of Uttlesford District



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Council to Refuse. The appeal will be determined on the basis of written representations. Deadline 28 May 2024. Cllr Franklin declared an interest and absented himself from any discussions.

Developments: Mill Road Development : Cllr Walker is taking the lead on this and is liaising with the developer's agents and residents. The Developer has confirmed that the project website has been uploaded (<https://newhomesforhenham.co.uk/>). This provides basic information about the proposals and has facilities for residents to register for updates and ask questions. **UTT/24/0670/DFO** – proposed details following outline application UTT/20/0604/OP for the development of 45 no. dwellings and associated landscaping and new open space - details of layout, scale, appearance and landscaping (including details to discharge condition 8), Land South Of Vernons Close Mill Road – comments submitted to UDC by Sub- planning committee 16/4/24. Cllr Walker has also submitted comments to the developer direct on behalf of the Parish Council and has been liaising with the Vernons Close Residents Association. Cllr Walker has also emailed the developer requesting whether they would give consideration to the fact that the proposed Bellway Development would benefit greatly from improved footpath access between Henham and the Elsenham Railway Station.

Bloor – **UTT/23/2063/DFO** – proposed Details following outline 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. Sub planning committee has submitted its concern with UDC planning regarding proposed run off to OMR. Sub planning committee have raised concerns in April 2024 with UDC regarding proposed run off to OMR and Parish Council comments were submitted on 22/4/24 to planning.

Bedwell Road - UTT/24/0543/OP – Proposed Outline planning permission with all matters reserved except access for the erection of up to 240 dwellings with public open space, landscaping and sustainable drainage system (SuDS) and vehicular access point, Land North Of Bedwell Road And East Of Old Mead Road Ugley And Henham. Chair has written to UDC requesting an extension for submitting objection due to tight time frame with Easter, UDC have agreed to extend deadline to 15/5/24. Elsenham Parish Council has recommended a noise expert, sub-planning committee have recommended the Parish Council contributes half towards the estimated £2700 cost, previously agreed by email due to urgency. Noise report together with Elsenham PC comments on the report were circulated to Cllrs prior to this meeting by the clerk. Sub planning committee to prepare an objection and advice for residents will be published on Facebook and the village website.

UTT/24/0749/DOC Land at Old Mead Road, Henham - proposed application to discharge conditions, including No.5 Landscaping for the 7 dwellings East of

Old Mead Road. The Planning sub committee have submitted comments to UDC planning regarding concerns relating to pedestrian access/exit points on 12/04/24.

Decisions: none

- (iv) ***Highways*** – OMR/OML - Nothing to report other than update from Cllr LeCount circulated to Cllrs prior to this meeting. He has advised that a Senior Police Officer who works directly for the “Commercial Vehicle Unit” based at South Woodham is now looking into our case, and mentioned that the sign at the beginning of North Hall Road (B1383) is blue and therefore, only advisory not enforceable. He is now looking into this matter for us and Cllr LeCount will report back further in our next meeting.

Mill Road/School Road yellow lines – Nothing new to report.

School parking – Nothing new to report, matter is ongoing.

Potholes – Nothing new to report.

Footpath 32 – Notice has been received for the closure is scheduled to take place on 10 April 2024 for 21 days and is required for the safety of the public due to insufficient sighting for pedestrians to cross the foot crossing safely and the presence of high-speed trains - it is the section of footpath approximately 10 metres either side of Elsenham Emergency Hut Network Rail Crossing. Cllrs LeCount and Franklin have previously expressed concerns that this crossing is dangerous and should not really be used by the general public, and it was going to be permanently closed by Network Rail and have recommended that the Parish Council should challenge ECC and Network Rail to finally get this sorted between them to close the crossing point and remove the “Whistle/Horn signs”. Cllr Franklin to prepare a letter for Network Rail.

Fly tipping at Brick End Lane – Cllr Rutterford continues to chase UDC Environmental Health regarding her previous request to remove the piles of roof tiles and sacks which have been dumped along Brick End Road.

Residents are encouraged to also report any matters to Essex Highways direct via the Essex Highways web site www.essexhighways.org (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 Stansted Airport Limited operates a Freephone number 0800 7312385 for reporting suspected on-street airport related car parking.

5. Correspondence

Sent/Received: various enquiries via PC website

Planning Applications - see 4(iii) above

- Clerk – approximately 250 emails in April 2024.

6. Waste and Minerals Development Issues - Local Plan Review – 2025 to 2040

Nothing to report.

7. SAW (Stop Stansted Expansion) – SAW has provided advice on how to respond to the consultation regarding Stansted Airport Night Flights. Advice from the Parish Council has been provided to residents and is on the village website. Deadline for residents to respond to the consultation is 22 May 2024. The Parish Council encourages all residents to respond. Cllr Fisher to re-post advice on Facebook.

8. Governance – (1) The clerk has prepared the Annual Risk Management Policy and Risk Assessment for 2024-25 which was circulated to all Councillors prior to this meeting for approval, adoption of policy proposed by Cllr Lee, seconded by Cllr Fisher, agreed nem con. The clerk has requested and is in the process of receiving copies of up to date public liability insurance from our regular contractors. (2) Clerk has recommended to Cllrs that the Annual insurance is renewed with our current insurers at the reduced 3 year premium £455.47, email previously circulated to cllrs prior to this meeting. Cllr Franklin proposed the renewal of our insurance, seconded by Cllr Walker, approved nem con.

9. Local Plan – Documents related to the local plan can be found at: www.uttlesford.gov.uk/new-local-plan. **(1) Local Plan numbers allocation** - Chair submitted comments on the Local Plan on behalf of Henham Parish Council. Elsenham Parish Council is supporting the fact that the 200 houses have been wrongly allocated to their parish. The UDC Local Plan team have changed the rules and have not allocated the 200 houses to Henham as they are now basing allocation on a Settlement basis not a Parish basis. Therefore the 200 have been allocated to Elsenham not Henham. Solicitors have now been instructed by the Parish Council. They have recommended a barrister whose fees are in the region of £750 - £1000 + VAT.

(2) Neighbourhood plan - Chair has confirmed to UDC that the Parish Council will engage in the Neighbourhood plan process to allocate the 112 houses required in the Local Plan rather than engage in a conversation with UDC Planning to allocate sites.

10. Henham SOV 100 Club draw

April Draw N.Baker drew from a black bag containing all current members' lottery balls.

The winning numbers were:

1st Prize Number 165 (L Fuller) £223

2nd Prize Number 49 (W Bates) £108

3rd Prize Christmas Bonus Ball Accumulator £54 Cumulative total £274

Total funds received per draw were £770. Half will be paid in prizes plus the cumulative Christmas Bonus Ball with the balance of £385 paid to Henham Parish Council SOV Funds.

11. Date of Next Meeting Thursday 6th June at 7:30pm. OSCA. Everyone Welcome
Mareike Dacey, Clerk

District Councillor's Report

The sun is shining, and we are hopeful the summer has begun. We look forward to a sunny fabulous Village Fete on the 22nd June.

This month we thought we would highlight a few of our health and wellbeing initiatives.

Find out how you can build your strength, improve mobility and meet new people with our seated exercise programme.

You can register your interest and sign up for a 12-week exercise programme which is delivered in small groups at community venues throughout Uttlesford.

This service is free to adults living or registered to a GP practice in Uttlesford. The Harlow and Epping Classes are in Stansted, Newport, Thaxted, Saffron Walden and Great Dunmow.

The sessions are fun and welcoming and for the majority of the time you will be seated. On some occasions and if you are able during certain exercises the instructor may ask you to use the chair as a balance to help build your core strength.

The programme has been designed to help you maintain your strength and balance, help you become more active and improve your general wellbeing. To be part of the programme you must:

- live in the Uttlesford area or are registered with a West Essex GP
- be 18 years old or over
- be at risk of falling or have reduced strength and mobility
- need to increase your activity level

How to get help if you are self-isolating, need financial or practical help or you're feeling isolated.

The Uttlesford Community Response Hub is available to help anyone in need. It is run as a partnership between Uttlesford District Council, Volunteer Uttlesford and the Council for Voluntary Service in Uttlesford.

You can ask for help if you:

- are self-isolating and need help with shopping or prescriptions.
- are in immediate financial difficulty.
- are feeling lonely and isolated.

- need support with staying independent at home.
- would like advice on how to stay active.
- need support if your mental health has been affected.

The hub is also able to support families with children and individuals with:

- immediate assistance for gas and electricity costs.
- heating oil deliveries.
- food vouchers.
- essential living costs such as a cooker or fridge.

We are also supporting Active Essex's programme to help everyone to get out and be more active.

Find Your Active celebrates the fact that everyone can enjoy the huge benefits of moving more - it's just about finding what is right for you. When it comes to getting active we know that finding the right activity greatly increases your chances of creating a new, sustainable, healthy habit, check this out on www.uttlesford.gov.uk

Ancient trees. We have been asked to promote the scheme to put old trees on the map and you will be helping us to fight and protect them. Ancient trees are as much a part of our heritage as stately homes, cathedrals and works of art. But they don't get the same protection. Once you have spotted an old tree, adding a record is easy. Please visit our website page to add a tree at www.uttlesford.gov.uk

Zero Carbon Communities Grant scheme In the second round of this scheme in 2024, we awarded funding to 15 new community projects. In 2023 we awarded funding to 11 community projects. All the projects aim to:

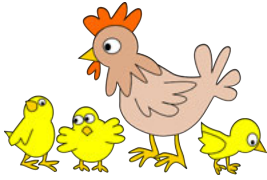
- reduce carbon emissions
- enhance biodiversity, or
- support community engagement in climate change

Elsenham Parish Council have been awarded £1,000 from the 2024 Zero Carbon Communities Grant Scheme to fund a rewilding project at De Mandeville Road, Elsenham. Working in partnership with Uttlesford District Councils Principal Ecologist, the team will establish the most effective way to provide and maintain a wildflower area, whilst attracting beneficial insects.

We have ward initiative funds available for suitable local projects within the village. If any resident has any questions or issues to raise on this piece (or of course any other unrelated subject), We would be pleased to hear from them. Our surgery is Wednesday 12th June 2024 6pm Orwell House, Station Rd Elsenham.

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Daisy May's Farm

Hall Road, Elsenham, CM22 6DN

Even with the changeable weather, our babies just keep on coming in all sorts of shapes and sizes, but what they all have in common is that they are **really cute!!**

There is SO much to do: Hold the ducklings & chicks.
Bottle feed the orphans.
Meet the farm animals.
Cuddle the babies.
Arts & crafts
Enjoy our play area.
Ride the train (£2 per person)
Zip and Friends Story Trail
Woodland Trail
Ollie's Food Hut

It's only £6 per person and under 1's are free. Please note there are NO credit card facilities, and no booking is necessary.

Please make sure you **BRING YOUR WELLIES!!**

We are a working farm and are run mainly by volunteers as a not-for-profit organisation. The money we raise by you visiting us makes sure our animals stay well fed and watered. So, in essence, this is a win win situation, you have a lovely time seeing our animals and as a direct result, we can afford to ensure they are all well looked after. So, thank you!

If you have a child's birthday coming up, why not have your party with us at the farm?

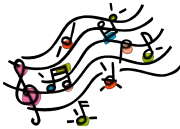
Want a different kind of holiday? Then come and camp on the farm and enjoy the great outdoors and our animals at the same time! Book direct on our website – daisymaysfarm.org – sooner than later!

As ever, thanks so much for your continued support.

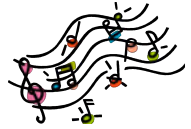




Elsenham Community Choir



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If you like making new friends, achieving new goals, doing things that are good for you whilst having a laugh, eating chocolate, going home with a smile on your face, oh, and singing too, then come and join us at the **Elsenham Community Choir**, because that's what we do!

We meet on the first and third Tuesday of every month at 7.00pm until 8.30pm in Elsenham Village Hall (by Elsenham Primary School).

There are no auditions at our choir, everyone is welcome, just come along and sing!

Please just turn up or find us on our Elsenham Community Choir Facebook page.

Village Calendar 2024

Please email henhamdragon@hotmail.com to include future events.

June

Tuesday	4 th	Gardening Club meeting	Elsenham Memorial Hall, 2pm
Friday	7 th	Fundraising Quiz Night Accuro (Care Services)	OSCA, 7pm
Sunday	9 th	Henham Open Gardens	10.30am – 5pm
Saturday	15 th	Afternoon Tea	OSCA, 2pm – 4pm
Saturday	22 nd	Henham Fete	Woodend Green from noon
Wednesday	19 th	Pudding evening	OSCA 7.30 for 8pm
Saturday	29 th	Elsenham Farmers Market	Elsenham Village Hall, 12.30-2.30pm
Sunday	30 th	Talk on Palestinian Crisis	OSCA 4.30 pm

July

Tuesday	2 nd	Gardening Club visit to Helmingham Hall	
Saturday	13 th	Tennis Club Championship Finals	Henham Tennis Courts
Saturday	27 th	Elsenham Farmers Market	Elsenham Village Hall, 12.30-2.30pm

August

Saturday	31 st	Elsenham Farmers Market	Elsenham Village Hall, 12.30-2.30pm
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September

Tuesday	3 rd	Gardening Club	Elsenham Memorial Hall, 2pm
Saturday	28 th	Elsenham Farmers Market	Elsenham Village Hall, 12.30-2.30pm

October

Tuesday	1 st	Gardening Club visit to Wisley	
Saturday	26 th	Elsenham Farmers Market	Elsenham Village Hall, 12.30-2.30pm

November

Saturday	30 th	Elsenham Farmers Market	Elsenham Village Hall, 12.30-2.30pm
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BROWN BIN (kitchen leftovers)	collected every week
BLACK BIN (non recyclables)	Thursday 13th, 27th
GREEN BIN (recyclables)	Thursday 6th, 20th
GREEN GARDEN WASTE	Thursday 13th, 27th

Village Shop & Post Office Opening Hours

Post Office:- currently open Mon, Wed & Friday 9am to 12 noon

Shop:- Monday to Friday 9am to 1pm and 2pm to 4.30pm

Saturday 9am to 1pm, Sunday 9.30am to 12.30pm

All opening hours are subject to change and are entirely dependent on the availability of volunteer staff

Wendy Hogg is the editor for the July 2024 edition.

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Please send your contributions by email to henhamdragon@hotmail.com

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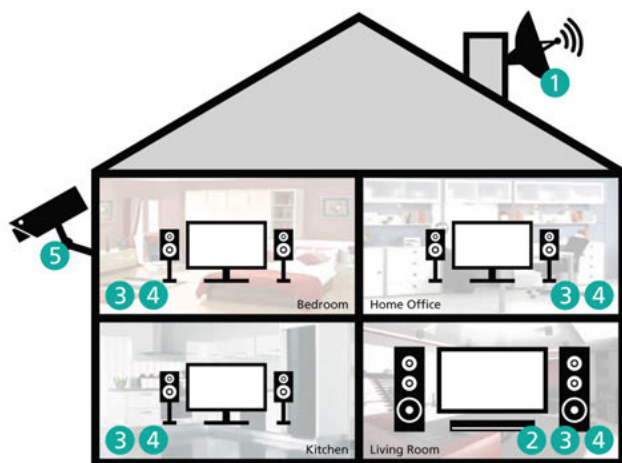
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