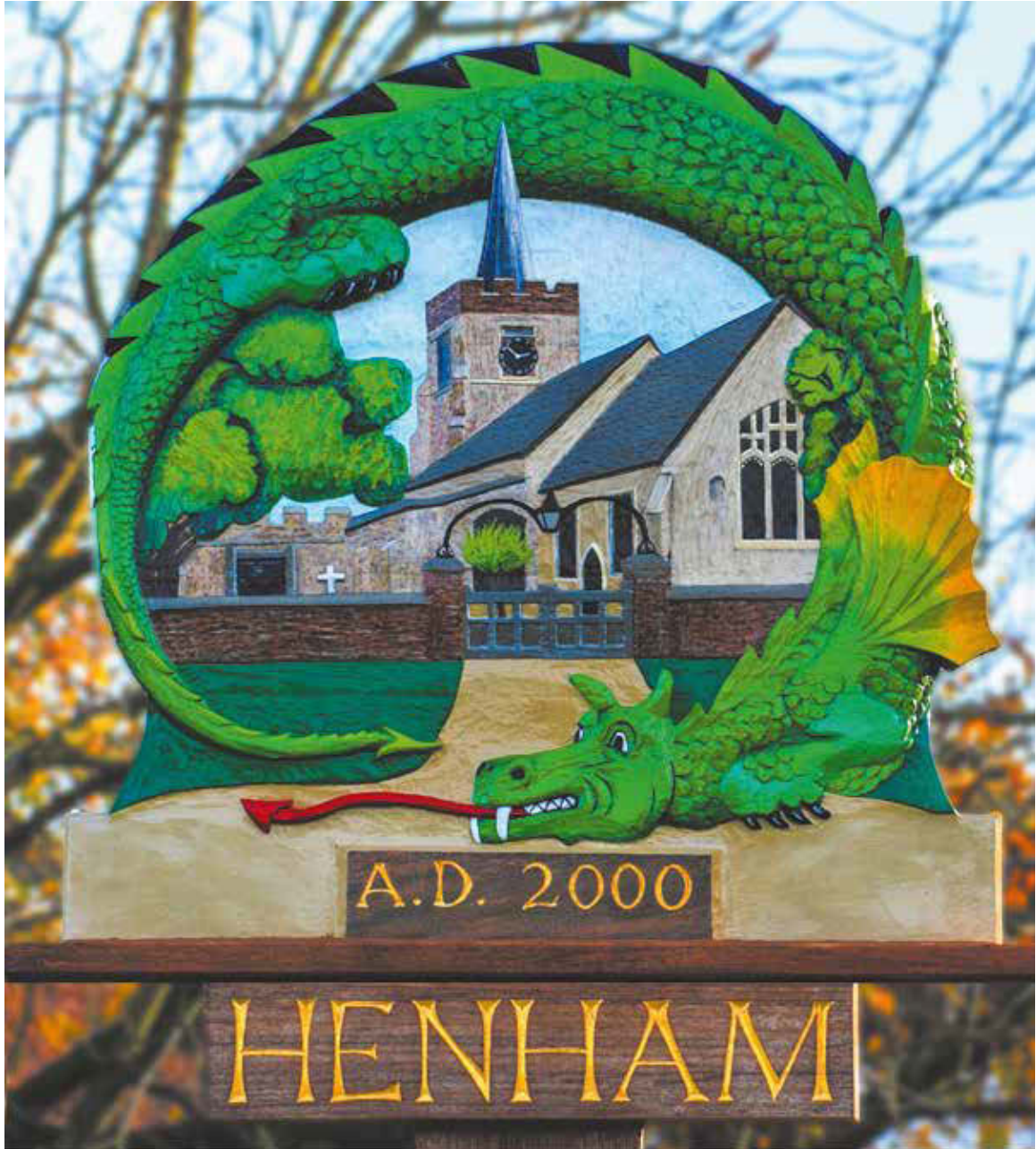


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Editorial

After all the excitement or disappointments of elections, football and weather it's time to enjoy what we hope will be a glorious August.

It is time to go out and about. Visit Daisy Mays Farm (page 10) with the children and the lovely Gardens of Easton Lodge (page 23). Maybe look up The Hundred Parishes website for some interesting and informative walks (page 21). You might just want to relax and settle down to a good holiday read (see Ros Heywood's recommendations on page 30) or perhaps potter in the garden (pages 8 and 9 for tips).

If, however, you are in need of more highs and lows, the Paris Olympics are about to commence, so to whet your appetite there is an Olympic Trivia Quiz on page 31.

Whatever you decide to do in August, ENJOY!

Carol Elson

Letters to the Editor

Dear Editor,
I would like to thank everyone for their kind donations following my recent talk at OSCA on the situation in the Middle East. I was able to send £100 to "Save The Children Fund".

Thank you again.

David Morson, Crow Street

Dear Editor,
I would really like to have a playground in Henham because It would be a nice place to see friends instead of having to drive ages away just to go somewhere nice to play. How can we make this happen? Also, my school friends live quite far away so it would be nice to have somewhere to meet up. I know this would benefit everyone.

Bertie Rhodes aged 11

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Now we have another problem in that Royal Mail, who are contracted to collect mail from Post Office branches, say they will only collect from core post offices and not outreach locations any more. If this goes ahead it will mean that our post office will be unable to process parcels and special mail.

There are ongoing discussions with Royal Mail and there is a possibility of collections if we are willing to pay an ongoing fee.

For the present there is no immediate change as our parcels are still being collected. We are hopeful that this will not change.

We will of course fight on and keep everyone informed.

Trevor Ellis Callow, Chairman

NB: Trevor has been corresponding with our MP, Kemi Badenoch, who has sent two positive responses and is 'on the case'.

OSCA News

Following a recent accident where a window got broken we would like to remind parents to inform their children that ball games in the OSCA car park are not permitted.

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In other news, we are delighted to share that the internet is coming to the hall! Thanks to Gigaclear, who have generously offered us a free internet connection, we believe this will greatly benefit all hall users.

On the subject of technology, we have made some updates to our website, henhamvillagehall.co.uk, to make the booking process clearer and to reflect some changes to the hire rates. We invite all villagers to take a look and familiarise themselves with the new features.

We are also pleased to announce that a jumble sale is planned for Saturday, 28th September. We encourage you to bring any unwanted items to the hall on Friday, 27th September, to contribute to the sale.

We value your input and would love to hear your ideas for future events or suggestions on how the hall is run. If you are interested in getting more involved, please consider joining the committee. You can express your interest by emailing info@henhamvillagehall.co.uk.

Wishing everyone in the village a lovely summer.

Henham Village Hall Committee

Village Defibrillator

Our defibrillator is located by the side, main entrance to OSCA. If you need to use it a code will be issued by the emergency services for its release.

D Day Fete Celebrations

Ah... very busy, but

The Fete was a great success. Everyone came out once the sun did and enjoyed picnics, BBQ, ice creams and some wonderful music.

A very big thank you to all our performers on the day:-

The Polka Dots
Zak 'n' Dave
The Third Harmonic
Roundabout.

Many thanks must also go to: DJs Greg and Lewis, Ian and Andrea for displaying their Land Rovers and of course, my volunteers on the bar & BBQ.

Simon Bambridge

Here are some memories of the day.



The Polka Dots - perfect for the occasion



The Entertainers

Rock on, David!



It must be Sir Winston



I don't care who you say you are sir, you're nicked!



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Ugley WI

Blue devils, racing goats and crabs were just some of the surprising items to be found in Lyn Croot's fascinating talk, on the subject of her paradise island of Tobago, given at our June meeting.

She illustrated her talk with amazing photos of the island and some of its characterful inhabitants. She had been there during carnival time, a very colourful event with amazing costumes and the music being provided by the evocative sounds of the steel pan bands. The 'blue devils' are a feature of the carnival tradition as are the goat and crab racing events.

Lyn gave us a brief historical background to the island and explained that a number of the place names evoked its colonial past, including such familiar names as Glamorgan, Plymouth and Speyside, with the capital being Scarborough!

In addition to her beautiful photographs, she brought along a number of items made on the island including some beautiful jewellery that we had the chance to buy.

Lyn is a great ambassador for the island and was due to return there on 25th June. We can't wait to welcome her back and hear more of her tales from Tobago!

Our August meeting will be held on **Wednesday 21st August at 2pm** in Ugley Village Hall when Peter Nelson will be speaking on the history of the Livery Companies of the City of London. Why not come along for the afternoon? You'd be most welcome!

Andrea Fitt Tel. 815922.

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In the Garden



Greetings Dear Reader,

Well, here we are again, moaning about the weather as usual, only this time I think we are perfectly justified. It really has been a pretty awful summer. It has been really difficult for us gardeners, as a lot of the time it has been almost impossible to work. Unusually low temperatures and lots of wind and rain (at least there shouldn't be a hosepipe ban this year!), have made this summer a difficult one. One slight consolation is that the soft ground makes the ongoing task of weeding a lot easier, you just have to make sure you don't pull up half a bucket full of soil as well as the weed.

August is a time when the borders should still be a mass of colour, but deadheading becomes an even more important task if you want to prolong the season. I still get asked quite frequently how to differentiate between new buds and dying flowers on Dahlias. It is actually quite easy, new buds are firm and round, but dying flowers are pear-shaped and soft. Dahlias are a prime target for slugs and earwigs and the wet weather has exacerbated the problem. One way to deal with earwigs is to fill a flowerpot with grass or straw and place it upside down near the plant. The earwigs collect in the pot as they hide from the light and the pot can be emptied each day and the earwigs disposed of as you wish.

If you prefer to go for quality rather than quantity with Chrysanthemums and Dahlias, pinch out the two side buds on each stem, leaving just the central bud. This should present you with a single, much larger flower.

When you are deadheading, always try to cut back to a leaf joint rather than just nipping off the flower head. This gives a much better chance of new flowers being produced. This applies particularly to roses. Continue cutting sweet peas for indoor displays, as the more you cut them, the longer they will continue to flower. If seed pods do appear despite your best efforts, be sure to remove them.

Continue pinching out the side shoots of cordon tomatoes and try to feed them regularly. If you are growing them in a greenhouse, feed them every other watering; if outside, then once a week should suffice. To speed up the ripening process, it is a good idea to remove all the leaves growing below the first truss. I take this process even further. Once the fruits are starting to increase in size, I shorten the leaves back to 2 or 4 side leaves. This lets more light reach the fruits and further aids ripening. An even more effective way of speeding up the

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ripening process is to hang one or two bananas in amongst your tomato plants. you will be surprised at the difference it makes.

Finish pruning shrubs which have flowered, such as Escallonia, Lavender, deciduous species of Lonicera (Honeysuckle) and Senecio. Well established vigorous Wisteria may need cutting back at this time. Take out the tips of young shoots after they have made three or four leaves.

Some time ago I wrote about a possible remedy for the damage caused to grassy areas by dog urine. The item in question is an unidentified type of rock product, which is placed in the dog's water bowl. Having tried this for a period of time, I am pleased to say that it does appear to work. The only downside is that the rocks are quite expensive and have to be replaced after two or three months. Remember that it is only the females that cause the problem with the grass. (This is actually true and should not be construed as a sexist remark).

I don't know if you are like me, but every spring, as plants start to appear, I find I can't remember what a lot of them are. I now have a new approach. As plants die down, I'm putting a T-label in the bed just in front of them to identify them. When doing this, I use another of my "*useful*" tips. I have found that, no matter which type of "*permanent*" marker I use, by the time the following spring comes around, the label is completely indecipherable. Some time ago, I advocated applying a coat of clear nail varnish to the label. This keeps the writing crystal clear and can be removed by peeling it off with a sharp knife. Nice to know that at least some of my tips work!

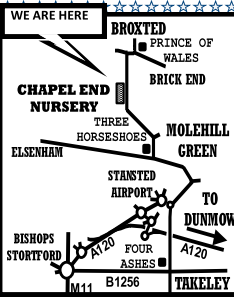
On the basis of that, here is another one that I know works. Ladybirds are one of the garden's most useful predatory insects and will happily feed for hours on troublesome greenfly. To ensure that ladybirds are resident in your garden from early spring, you need to provide them with a safe haven where they can overwinter. The best thing is an old egg box, opened up and pushed, upside down, into a hedge, under a shed, or anywhere where it will be relatively dry and undisturbed through the winter months. The ladybirds will find the egg compartments warm, dry and safe from predators.

Well Dear Reader, I have probably rambled on for long enough for this month. Let us hope that the weather is a little kinder to us for the rest of the summer. Hopefully I will return next month with some more wittering for you and I also hope to have a little surprise for you. I will leave you with that puzzling thought and wish you once again, "*Happy Gardening*".

Norman Elson

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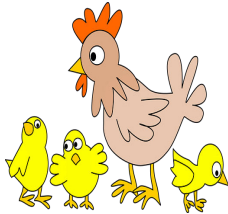
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(Edited minutes from 13th June 2024. Full minutes are available to view on the Village website: www.henham.org)

Reports and Recommendations

Greens and Village Estate – Cllr. Baker:

Greens Damage – It was previously agreed that various greens work would be undertaken. This is ongoing. Additional work now authorised to clear debris from the felled tree in Crow Street.

Greens Bylaws – As part of the ratification process the Parish Council needs to consult with residents regarding the new proposed bylaws. The draft Bylaws have been posted on the website and on Facebook on 26th June 2024. Residents have until 14th July to respond.

Greens Access – It was previously agreed the Chair would write to owner/ developers confirming the Parish Council's HPC greens access policy. Chair has now written to owners of Saffron House re greens access.

Coronation Commemoration – Cllr Leech has installed the sculpture. Cllr Fisher will look into organising an opening ceremony. The Parish Council thanks Chris Mowbray of Henham Essex Metal Fabrications for creating and donating the sculpture to our village. The sculpture will be removed shortly for painting and realignment.

Church Works – The car parked at the Church has been removed.

Resurfacing The Row – Repairs will be undertaken in due course.

Village Ponds/Woodland – Cllr Walker continues to liaise with Planteria, the School and Woodland Trust regarding the woodland and the school's curiosity approach to learning – a very productive meeting between them was held on 13th June attended by Cllr Walker and Chair which included positive discussions about how to utilise the woodland for the benefit of the school and community. A tour of the woodland for Planteria owners was undertaken on 3rd July.

Village Hall – HPC Community Support Fund – Cllr Fisher is re-appraising the Community Support Fund.

PCSO – The PC have signed up to a further contribution to the costs of the PCSO. Chair will write to police service requesting better accountability for the PCSO time.

Speedwatch – (a) It was previously agreed Cllr Franklin would apply for VAR signage on OMR and submit an application form to Essex Highways, County Cllr has confirmed his support in writing for this application (b) Update re TruCam: a police representative visited the Speedwatch Team on 4th July and



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are planning an exercise to use True Cam in the near future. The use of True Cam will mean that fines and points will be issued for speeding and other traffic offences. (c) Cllr Walker has purchased a suitable bodycam for the Speedwatch Team for £84.99.

Management of Pledgdon Green – (a) Ownership of Common Land - Cllr Rutherford is liaising with the local Farmer re maintenance of greens. (b) Conservation Area Status - Clerk has asked Broxted PC to see if the report has been issued, nothing received as yet.

D Day June 2024 Celebrations – The Parish Council thanks everyone involved in making the event such a success and in particular, Simon Bambridge. Parish Council's net contribution was £1812.66 (band, bins, licence and toilet hire).

Stansted/Elsenham Surgery Merger – Stansted Surgery and Elsenham Surgery will be formally joining contracts to work together as one GP practice with effect from 1 July 2024. All patients have been sent communications direct from the surgeries regarding the merger.

Village Post Office - With effect from Monday 24th June, Royal Mail (a privately owned company separate from Post Office Ltd) have said that they will stop collecting mail from satellite branches like Henham. This means that from 24th June our village branch will not be able to accept ANY parcels or special orders such as guaranteed deliveries of currency orders. **Editor's Note: Parcels are still being collected as the Dragon goes to print.** They will continue to serve for Banking Services like cash withdrawals and cheque or cash deposits but otherwise only small packets, able to fit in the Post Box, plus letters can be accepted. Royal Mail said they could continue to collect if we paid £2000 per annum for the service but the shop has said they will not pay this on top of the already large Post Office charges which is paid by HPC. At present the Post Lady collects the mail from us on her routine rounds at no additional cost. Chair will meet with Chair of Village Shop to discuss.

Uttlesford Community Action Network (UCAN) – The Parish Council have been contacted by UCAN who currently have a number of enquiries from groups of volunteers who would like to volunteer together, and whether we might have any opportunities that arise for such groups to volunteer in our Parish. This might include litter picking, DIY or gardening (on community buildings, club buildings, school buildings), or helping out at a community event. Cllrs will consider the areas where this could be helpful. Cllr Walker will discuss with the School Governors.

UCAN AGM - Wednesday 24th July – Cllr Franklin will attend on behalf of the Parish Council.

Finance

<u>Receipts</u>					
<u>From Whom</u>	<u>Description</u>				<u>Amount</u>
SOV 100	May draw				£385.00
Village shop	Shop donations				£5.00
Village shop	Shop donations				£40.00
<u>To Whom</u>	<u>Description</u>	<u>Amount</u>	<u>VAT</u>	<u>Total</u>	
<u>(Invoice no.)</u>					
M Dacey	June Salary	£501.13	£0.0	£501.13	
OSCA	OSCA room hire Feb-June 24	£140.00	£0.0	£140.00	
Paul Mower	Village gardening and pond post cleaning Feb - May 24	£300.00	£0.0	£300.00	
Henham Village Shop Association Ltd	Post office fees May to August 2024	£2394.25	£0.0	£2394.25	
Luxury Toilet Hire UK Ltd (220624)	Balance Toilet hire for D Day celebrations	£536.25	£107.25	£643.50	
Simon Bambridge	Refund for Ellevate D Day music	£600.00	£120.00	£720.00	
Pat Doughty	Village furniture repairs and maintenance	£130.00	£0.0	£130.00	
Uttlesford District Council (0000109447)	Refuse bins for D Day festival	£199.00	£0.0	£199.00	
P Walker	Refund for Speedwatch Bodycam	£70.83	£14.16	£84.99	
SW Transport Planning Ltd (0138)	Grind Hall transport advice	£450.00	£90.00	£540.00	
Mokut Mower Services (62524)	Grass cut 13/6, 26/6 and Wood End Green	£1040.00	£0.0	£1040.00	

Treasury Management Investment Policy and Strategy 2023/24 – Cllr Fisher Cllr Fisher has been researching the best interest paying accounts which comply with our investment policy. This is ongoing.

Signing of AGAR 2023-24 for Henham PC – Paperwork submitted to our external auditors by the clerk on 14th June..

Clerk Bonus – The Parish Council has agreed to award the clerk a two - month salary bonus, this will be paid in four equal instalments from August to November.

Planning and Developments –

UTT/24/1507/HHF – Proposed demolition and replacement of existing outbuilding with previously approved proposed outbuilding, Cedar Cottage, Crow Street – Cllr Lee declared an interest and absented himself from any discussion.

Notice of a planning application received re Saffron Hall – No formal notification received from UDC planning as yet. Sub planning committee have agreed to seek professional planning advice from our planning expert. Cllr Fisher declared an interest and absented himself from any discussion.

Developments:

UTT/24/0670/DFO (Re-Consultation) Mill Road Development (45 houses): Cllr Walker is liaising with Bellway regarding resident foul water concerns. All other PC issues have been dealt with.

Bloor – UTT/23/2063/DFO (200 houses) – Land East of Station Road – Cllr Franklin attended a meeting with Bloor and EPC 2/7/24. Issues are S106 - surgery contribution, footpath at the level crossing, and drainage into Old Mead Road system. Briefing note prepared by Cllr Franklin was circulated to all Cllrs by clerk prior to this meeting. Minutes circulated by Clerk to all Cllrs 5/7/24.

Bedwell Road - UTT/24/0543/OP (240 houses) – Land North of Bedwell Road and East of Old Mead Road Ugley and Henham. No news on planning hearing yet.

Decisions: UTT/23/1732/FUL – Proposed Change of use of paddock to residential and construction of 3 no. residential dwellings - Tudor Hall, Pledgdon Green. - Refuse

Highways Update OMR-OML – The outstanding highways issues in this area mainly relate to blocked gulleys (which are now being cleared along

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OMR and North Hall Road), faded road markings and carriageway defects, all requesting urgent action. There has been some work on these and Cllr Franklin will review the remaining issues in the Autumn.

Essex Waste Lorries - Cllr Fisher has contacted County Cllr Gooding with details of numerous resident complaints. The Parish Council understands that not much can be done as it is not illegal, but has been advised it should collate reports as evidence. Cllr LeCount continues to monitor. He awaits advice from Essex Highways and County Cllr Gooding.

Footpath 32 – Cllr Franklin has established that the agreement to close the footpath relies on ECC providing an alternative footpath. Cllr Franklin will write to ECC and County Cllr Gooding asking why an alternative has not yet been provided.

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 for reporting suspected on-street airport related car parking. The Freephone number is: 0800 7312385

Local Plan – Documents related to the local plan can be found at: www.uttlesford.gov.uk/new-local-plan. **Local Plan numbers allocation** - 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. Barrister now instructed. Chair has requested an update from Solicitors.

Henham SOV 100 Club JUNE Draw

1st Prize Number 9 (S Cowan) £223

2nd Prize Number 66 (S Miley) £108

3rd Prize Christmas Bonus Ball Accumulator £54 Cumulative total £382.

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.

Next Meeting : Thursday 5th September at 7:30pm. There is no meeting in August. Everyone is welcome.

Mareike Dacey, Clerk

Church Calendar—August 2024

Church Service

Sunday 4th August

10:15 Joint Service,
Elsenham Church

Sunday 11th August

10:15 All Together All-Age Service,
Elsenham Village Hall

Sunday 18th August

10:15 Joint Service, Ugley Church

Sunday 25th August

10:15 Joint Service,
Elsenham Church

There will be NO Sunday@6 Services during August or on 1st September. Sunday@6 Services resume on 8th September 2024 when Youth Groups also resume.

Sunday 4th August, Lunchtime Picnic:

(All welcome) Bring a packed lunch and folding chair after the Joint Service to:

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Other regular events

MID-WEEK AND SATURDAY:

Start the Week with Prayer

Church Hall, Henham 9.30am

Mondays: 5th, 12th, 19th & 26th

Church Lunch Club

**Elsenham Memorial Hall
12.30pm**

Fridays: (2nd & 4th Friday of the month): 9th & 23rd

Afternoon Tea

OSCA, Henham 2.00pm

Saturday: 17th

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

Village Diary Regular Clubs and Meetings in the Village

Monday

9.30 - 11.00	am	Dinky Dragons (term time only)	Village Hall
10.00 - 12.00	am	Tennis, Rusty Racquets	Henham Courts
3.15	pm	Junior Tennis	Henham Courts
7.00	pm	Omega Running Club	The Cock Inn
7.00 - 9.00	pm	Table Tennis Club	OSCA

Tuesday

9.15 - 11.15	am	Badminton Club	HUSCH
11.00 - 1.00	am	Men's Tennis	Henham Courts
5.15 - 6.15	pm	Beavers (term time only)	Ugley Village Hall
5.30 - 8.00	pm	Street & Com Dance - children's classes	OSCA
6.30 - 7.45	pm	Cubs (term time only)	Ugley Village Hall

Wednesday

3.30	pm	Junior Tennis	Henham Courts
7.00 - 8.45	pm	Scouts (term time only)	Ugley Village Hall
7.30 - 9.00	pm	Badminton Club	HUSCH
5.30 - dusk	pm	Tennis Club Night	Henham Courts

Thursday

9.00 - 11.00	am	Pilates	OSCA
10.30 - 11.30	am	Little Fishes (term time only)	Church Hall
1.45 - 2.45	pm	Tots/Preschool Tennis	Henham Courts
3.30	pm	Junior Tennis	Henham Courts
5.30 - 6.15	pm	Karate Beginners—Green	Village Hall
6.00 - 7.15	pm	Cubs (term time only)	Ugley Village Hall
6.15 - 7.00	pm	Karate Intermediate+	Village Hall
7.45 - 9.00	pm	Bell Ringing Practice-church closed at present	Henham Church

Friday

9.00 - 10.30	am	Ladies' Tennis Morning	Henham Courts
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Saturday

9.00 start	am	Omega Runners	Outside Vision Fitness
9.30 - 11.45	am	Junior Tennis	Henham Courts

Sunday

4.30 - 6.30	pm	Tennis Club Session	Henham Courts
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Church News



The Reverend Louis Wilson writes....

The port city of Corinth in southern Greece was said to be all at once the New York, Los Angeles and Las Vegas of the ancient world. The things it valued and worshipped were money, sex, celebrity and sport - which doesn't sound terribly different from the values of our own day. The apostle Paul went to Corinth in about 50 AD and by God's grace was able to start a church.

In his letter, 1 Corinthians, he writes to remind the church that when he first came to them, it was not with great eloquence, superior wisdom or impressive appearance. Instead, he came in weakness, fear and trembling, with a message that was foolish and unimpressive – *For, he says, I resolved to know nothing while I was with you except Jesus Christ and him crucified.*

He reminded them that a church family will very rarely be full of those the world regards as wise and clever. It will rarely be full of this world's movers and shakers. It will rarely be full of dukes or princesses – because God habitually chooses to work through the foolish to shame the wise and through the weak to shame the strong.

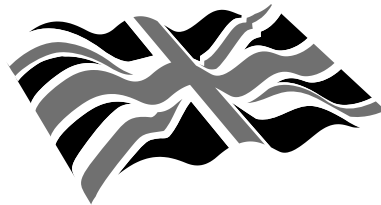
One of my favourite stories of God's power shown in weakness concerns the missionary, Adoniram Judson.

Some 200 years ago, he travelled from his native New England to Burma which then as now was a completely closed country.

It took six years for him to see one person become a Christian. He spent two years in prison and suffered appalling torture. His wife died, followed within six months by their daughter. He married again but his second wife died, as did seven of his children in the disease and heat of Burma: he endured years of overwhelming loss and suffering.

And the work of Gospel sowing in Burma was long and hard, the reaping even harder. But in 1831, 19 years after he arrived, he was able to write: The spirit of enquiry is spreading everywhere. We have given away nearly 10,000 tracts, and we give only to those who ask.

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Others, from the interior of the country, where the name of Christ is a little known, come saying: -Are you Jesus Christ's man? Give us a writing that tells about Jesus Christ.

Adoniram Judson died in 1850, after a life of simply unbelievable weakness and loss. But by the time of his death, he had completed a translation of the Bible into Burmese, as well as a Burmese dictionary. Hundreds of converts were leading the church, and today in Myanmar (Burma), there are about 3700 congregations that trace their origin to Judson and, humanly speaking, to the weakness of his message and the weakness of his life.

God's power shown in weakness.

With best wishes,

Louis

Church Contacts

Telephone Numbers, E-Mail and Web-Site Addresses

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

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Our stall holders can vary from month to month, and their products can be seasonal, but the quality is always tip top and there is something for everyone; so, if you haven't been for a while, do pop by.

We are open from **12.30-2.30pm** and this month it is on **SATURDAY 31st August**..... you will not be disappointed.

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Not sure what you want? Why not come for fresh barista coffee & cake, and have a browse at the produce whilst enjoying your drink? Most of the produce is homemade, so not only do you get to treat yourself to these fantastic goodies once a month, you are also supporting local businesses, and coming together with our fabulous community.

The Markets for the rest of the year are on:

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The Hundred Parishes Society

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Amongst the rich heritage which is a distinguishing feature of The Hundred Parishes, there are many ancient houses that were built originally as a “hall house”, sometimes referred to as an “open hall house”.

Many surviving houses that were built between the mid-13th and early 17th centuries had a standard three-part layout: a central ‘open hall’ flanked by two crosswings. The crosswings were of two storeys and were the same height as the single-storey hall that linked them. Individual houses sometimes had variations to this basic design.

Daily life for members of the household was a communal affair, focused on the large central hall. It was heated by a fire that burned on a central hearth, its smoke rising to escape through vents in the roof. The use of a chimney to remove smoke generally came only in the 16th or 17th century.

The crosswing at one end of the house contained a parlour with a chamber above called the solar. They were used by the head of the household and their immediate family. The other crosswing was a service area, accessed from a passage with front and back doors at either end. The passage also gave entry to the hall, from which it was partly screened. Each wing had its own stairs to the upper floor of that wing.

Between about 1550 and 1650 AD, the open hall concept became less popular, with a desire for more privacy. Most open halls were re-modelled with the insertion of a floor to make them two storeys. The open hearth was replaced with a fireplace and chimney.

The Society’s website includes more than a hundred downloadable walk routes. Almost half of the routes pass a former hall house and these are identified in the route description.

Ken McDonald, Secretary



**Open hall houses: The black Lion , High Roding (above) and Church Cottages in Great Sampford (below).
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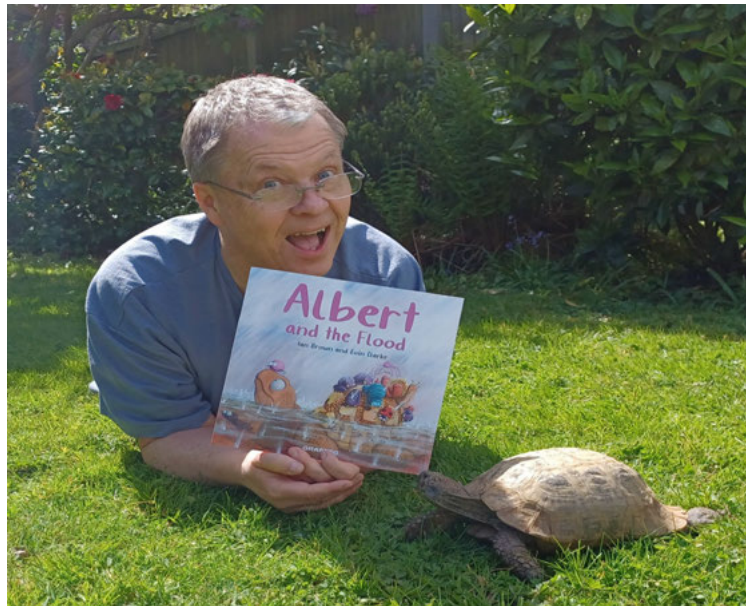
The Gardens have been looking lovely this year, despite the difficulties caused by the weird weather. Our new wildflower spiral in the walled kitchen garden has been gorgeously colourful and the roses very fragrant. We have, however, been missing the usual butterflies and bees. We had brimstone butterflies early, in the unusually mild February, before the rains came, but we had very few butterflies thereafter and bumblebees definitely suffered in the cold in April/May. Dragonflies have been flitting around and with the warmer weather, and hopefully, the right winds from the continent, there will be some resurgence so that visitors can enjoy the delight of butterflies and bees on the dahlias in August.

The Gardens are a great place for family time, on Thursdays or on the Sunday Open Day on 18th August. Children love the treehouse and our stories of the Countess of Warwick and her animals. There are garden games to play with and dogs on leads are welcome. Our volunteers provide refreshments and visitors to the Gardens can snap up our fresh vegetables to take home for dinner!

On Sunday 18th August we will have local author Ian Brown with us to tell children his tales of Albert the tortoise, and there will be music from Woodwind of Stortford. There will be stalls, a trail and craft activities for children.

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Fun with Flowers

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Naomi's arrangements told the story of how she started her love of flowers and how she then decided to become a demonstrator for Cambridge Group NAFAS. She had only passed her demonstrators test two weeks before and our club were the first of her demonstrations. Her story telling was great fun, the members and visitors had a wonderful evening. Naomi has kindly given permission to show one of her designs.

We will be holding an Afternoon Cream Tea starting with a demonstration on **14th August at 2pm**. If you would like to come along please contact Patricia Sanz at the email address below.

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This year Stansted u3a's AGM was held on Thursday 20th June. Three members of the committee, the Chairman, Treasurer and Speaker Secretary, completed their terms of office and nominations for all three posts, together with a remaining vacancy for a Publicity Coordinator had been received. The results of the elections to these positions are as follows:

Chair: Pauline Green

Treasurer: Gaynor Mordcovich

Speaker Secretary: Steve Riley

Publicity Co-ordinator: Susan Sedgebeer

The voting for all four was unanimous.

At a time when the weather was still proving extremely variable the Garden Group continued with its summer programme of visits and enjoyed a private tour of the half-acre NGS garden, "Pear Trees" at Wimbish which has been lovingly developed over the last three decades. Enjoying a conducted tour by the owner, Julie Bayliss, they found inspiration in the ancient Apple and Pear trees which were underplanted with a large variety of flowering bulbs. There were herbaceous borders to enjoy and a beautiful, productive vegetable garden too. However, in the face of wet weather the group were delighted to return to the house for home-made cakes and tea in the kitchen and delightful garden room.

The speaker for the August general meeting will be former USAAF fighter pilot Don Mobley who now lives in Stowupland, Suffolk, and runs the u3a Flight Inspirations Group. Don has also been an airline pilot and a FAA Aviation Safety Technician. His talk at our meeting on 15th August is entitled, ". . . and Over Here": a history of USA wartime aviation in East Anglia.

Finally, do please remember that new members will always be very welcome to try out any class before committing. Do check out the website: u3asites.org.uk/stansted or phone 07874385541 to find out more information about the variety of activities on offer.

John Hudson

District Councillors' Report

The Local Plan

The Local Plan - History

Uttlesford has not had a local plan since 2005. The last one submitted was in 2020. The plan prepared by the previous administration was considered to be *unsound* and the inspectors *recommended withdrawal*. The new administration in UDC started this new plan, with a cross-party group, set up to lead the project. We as the administration stated that we would *not* try to influence the plan for political gain. We have been led to believe that previously politicians made deals, and the planning officers had to work around these political directives. Planning Directors call it “*Political red lines*”

The Local Plan – Evidence based

Understandably, those villages with housing allocations are disappointed and cross. We have made it very clear that the only way a Local Plan can be sound and passed by Inspectors is, if it is *evidence* led, *without* political prejudice. Though residents *may feel* that their representatives have not fought for them, *that is not the case*, elected representatives push for evidence to be proved and substantiated.

Faith in politicians nationally has been low and political decisions being made on the premise of re-election is self-promoting and frankly morally wrong!

The Local Plan – Reg 19

This proposed plan has considered feedback received during the previous stage of the local plan consultation, which was held last year and generated about 5,000 comments from 1,700 respondents, and also further work that has been carried out to address the issues then raised. A wide-ranging and comprehensive period of evidence gathering and testing underpins these revised proposals. Taking back control of a Local Plan doesn't just mean housing numbers, it means that we have more influence insisting on high standards and ensuring robust policies, instead of just having to effectively take what the developers want, because we do not have a local plan.

The Local Plan – How it could affect Henham

The Planning and Legal Consultants directed The Local Plan Team that administrative boundaries numberings are ill advised. Therefore, anything in Henham PC area that adjoins the settlement of Elsenham, in planning terms works for Elsenham and not Henham Village. Henham has been allocated 121

houses, which are to be built over the next twenty years. A Neighbourhood Plan ensures that allocations are where the Parish would like them, not where developers want. Well planned developments, that are sympathetically placed, support thriving villages and help to ensure the longevity of locally based schools as they provide housing for families with young children to populate them. Henham Primary School has a vibrant new head with big ideas. To risk losing such a village asset due to low cohort numbers is a reality that local primary schools in the district are facing.

If the motion is passed, the Local Plan will go out to consultation on 30th July.

We write this on the 12th – in preparation. Please **do** respond to the consultation if the motion is passed.

Our surgery this month is on August 14th at Orwell House Station Road Elsenham CM22 6LA. 6pm

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Elsenham Men's Senior Golf

Golf World Stansted

Elsenham senior golfers playing at Golf World Stansted are looking to welcome more members to join the men's senior group. The group was formed over twenty years ago and is friendly and informal. We play 9-hole competitions every Monday and Thursday morning (with prizes) starting at 8am followed by coffee and chat in the clubhouse. Our regular 9 hole format is popular with seniors and fits in well as a half day activity.

Over the years the Elsenham course has matured well and we have developed with it to offer several annual group trophy competitions and regular home and away matches against other clubs. You can establish an official England Golf handicap as we are associated to England Golf. To be part of the men's senior group you do need to be a member of Golf World Stansted.

Many of our seniors have played with us for fifteen years or more. We have players of many ages and abilities so new joiners will feel at home. If you are aged from fifty-five to infinity, you are welcome to join us, enjoy the golf, competitions and company. If you are interested, please contact:

John Knight 07785 545474

Henham Tennis Club News



Change is in the air! Or so we are led to believe. Sadly, our disappointing summer weather continues on its relentless overcast course. April seems to be lasting longer than 30 days! However, the tennis season strides on and is definitely in Championship mode. Just a few weeks on from the French Open, the Henham Championships arrive plus the added attraction of an event at the All England Lawn Tennis and Croquet Club! The roof might have been closed at Wimbledon more often than open, but believe me the sun really has shone. The one in the sky might be hiding but on the courts Lulu Sun (don't worry very few had heard of her before this year's championships), mesmerized her opponents as well as the crowds. Dreams do come true. By defeating Emma Raducanu, she reached the last 8 of the Ladies Singles after winning three matches in qualifying and before achieving a stunning first round shock by beating Chinese eighth seed Zeng Qinwen. Unfortunately, the 'Sun went in' when she lost a titanic battle against Donna Vekic.

Our own championships take place just after this month's report has to be submitted. This means that I can but publish the feast of matches which will have taken place, and rest assured a full report will appear in next month's edition.

The Men's Singles features last year's champion Isaac Wilson against Matt Searson who will be playing in his first final. The Ladies' Doubles is a repeat of last year's final, which sees Fiona Price and Helen Hawker attempt to defend their title against Monica Sutherland and Gill Foster. The Men's Doubles is a fascinating encounter featuring Phil Holder and Amrik Braico (last year's champions!) against Louis and Isaac Wilson.

After afternoon tea and cakes, the tennis will draw to its conclusion with not one, but two Mixed Doubles Finals. In the Mixed Championship Final Phil Holder and Nora Murphy-Holder will be playing the defending champions Ali Lafferty and Monica Sutherland. The Mixed Doubles Plate Competition (for first and second round losers) will be between Matthew and Sally Robinson and Matt Searson and Katie Harris.

Just before starting to write I managed to watch the final riveting moments of the Ladies Singles semi-final at Wimbledon when Jasmine Paolini defeated Donna Vekic by the narrowest of margins, 10-8 in a Championship tie-break.

The tennis wasn't the most spectacular at this stage but the tension and emotion left everyone watching spellbound. An added footnote to this match: it was the longest Ladies semi-final in Wimbledon history, lasting 2 hours 51 minutes, beating the previous record by two minutes. A similar finale occurred in one of our own semi-finals where Ali and Monica had to show similar resolve to overcome a wonderfully spirited effort against Isaac and Jenny Wilson, again in a Championship tie-break, 10-7. Let us hope that this year's matches can produce some equally thrilling, edge of the seat moments for us to enjoy. However, nearly three hours for one match isn't required....because we will all be late for the BBQ!! Either that or the players will be playing to a rather sparse 'crowd'!

A quick update on the progress of a couple of our teams in the Small Clubs League to conclude. In the Mixed League 1st Division, Henham (Phil Holder, Monica Sutherland, Isaac Wilson & Fiona Price) beat Clavering 10-6. Also against Clavering, (champions for the past two seasons) the Ladies 1st team romped home 13-3. Congratulations to Monica and Fiona, Katie Harris and Gill Foster.

Some snippets about Wimbledon to close:

How did a spider win Wimbledon?

Answer: Because it had great top spin.

My Wimbledon opponent was not happy with my serve. He kept returning it.

Here's to a sun- drenched August and some great tennis.

John G Smith

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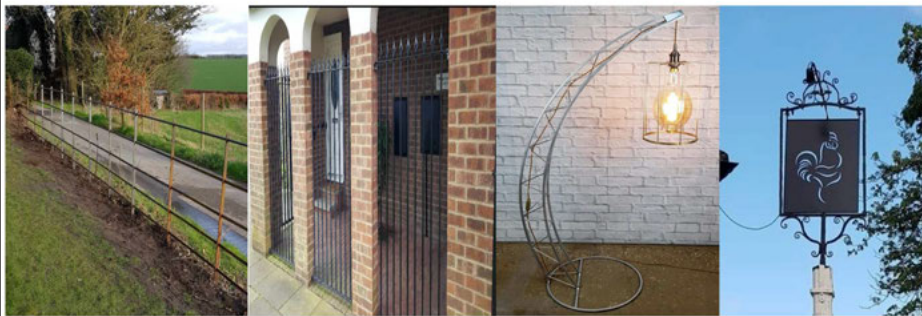
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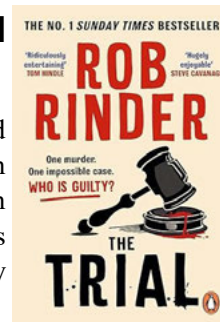
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Looking for a Holiday Read ?

The Trial by Robert Rinder (published by Penguin)

I was slightly sceptical when this book was recommended to me as I only knew of the author through his television appearances. However, I quickly changed my mind on reading it as Robert Rinder, who has been described as being Britain's best known criminal barrister, successfully brings his background to this compelling whodunit?



In a courtroom sensation Detective Inspector Grant Cliveden, an absurdly good looking D I who once saved the Queen from an assassination attempt and became a national hero, keels over in the witness box, just as he is about to give evidence. He has been poisoned, and all the evidence points to one man. The intrigue is how the defence handles the case, in particular the junior barrister, Adam Green, for whom it was his first murder case. The book reveals a behind the scene look at court room procedures, with humour and the twists and turns of the trial produce a compelling read.

The Nightingale by Kristin Hannah (published by St Martin's press)



On a very different note, but an equally appreciative one, I can recommend this as a thoroughly gripping novel about the role of two sisters in World War Two. The two sisters are estranged from each other and their father. The novel follows the fortunes of the two women embarking on their own individual dangerous paths towards survival, love and freedom in German occupied and war-torn France. All the characters are really well drawn and the novel celebrates the resilience of the human spirit.

Kristin Hannah, a lawyer turned writer living in the Pacific North West has written many and varied novels and has an ability to create stories that will break or uplift your spirits in the turning of a page.

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Summer Olympics Trivia Quiz



1. The Olympic motto is 'Citius Altius Fortius'. What does this mean in English?
2. In which country did the Olympic Games originate?
3. What colours are the Olympic Rings?
4. Where is the Olympic torch lit every year?
5. How often are the Summer Olympic games held?
6. To whom did the Greeks dedicate the Olympic Games?
7. The first modern Olympics were held in what year?
8. The team from which country always marches first at the opening ceremony?
9. Which male English track athlete was the 100 metre sprint champion in 1924?
10. Jesse Owens and Carl Lewis both won gold in which four events?
11. During which three years were the modern summer Olympics cancelled?
12. Who was the first rower to win gold medals at five consecutive Olympics?
13. BMX made its Olympic debut in which city?
14. Usain Bolt shattered which two records in 2008?
15. Who is the most successful sailor in Olympic history?
16. What were the names of the two 2012 London Games mascots?
17. Which female gymnast was awarded the first perfect 10?
18. Who was the first Olympic athlete to be disqualified for testing positive for steroids?
19. Which Olympic sport comprises: fencing, swimming, cross country, show jumping and shooting?
20. What is the final event in the men's decathlon?
21. In which year was women's football officially introduced into the Summer Olympics?
22. Table tennis made its debut in which year?
23. Who won two gold medals for GB in 2008 in the paralympics despite only being 13 years old?
24. Who is the most decorated Olympian of all time?
25. Which city will hold the 2028 Summer Olympic Games?

Answers can be found on page 32

The Village Calendar 2024



August

Saturday 17 th	Afternoon Teas	OSCA 2 - 4pm
Wednesday 14 th	District Councillor's Surgery	Orwell House, Elsenham 6pm
Saturday 31 st	Elsenham Farmers Market	Elsenham Village Hall 12.30 - 2.30pm

September

Tuesday 3 rd	Gardening Club	Elsenham Memorial Hall 2pm
Thursday 5 th	Parish Council Meeting	OSCA 7.30pm
Saturday 28 th	Jumble Sale	Henham Village Hall

October

Tuesday 1 st	Gardening Club Visit to Wisley	
Saturday 19 th	OSCA Quiz	OSCA 7.30pm
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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Quiz Answers

1. Faster, Higher, Stronger
2. Greece
3. black, blue, green, red and yellow
4. Olympia, Greece
5. Every 4 years
6. Zeus
7. 1896
8. Greece
9. Harold Abrahams
10. 100m, 200m, long jump and 4x100m relay
11. 1916, 1940, 1944
12. Sir Steven Redgrave
13. Beijing
14. 100m, 200m
15. Ben Ainslie
16. Wenlock and Mandevill
17. Nadia Comaneci
18. Ben Johnson
19. Modern Pentathlon
20. 1500m
21. 1996
22. 1988
23. Ellie Simmonds
24. Michael Phelps
25. Los Angeles



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BROWN BIN: (kitchen leftovers) collected every week

BLACK BIN: (non-recyclables) Thursday 8th 22nd

GREEN BIN: (recyclables) Thursday 1st 15th 29th

GREEN GARDEN WASTE Thursday 8th 22nd

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Sunday	9:30am to 12:30pm	

Pushpa Mistry is the Editor for the September edition

The DEADLINE for submitting copy is Monday 12th August

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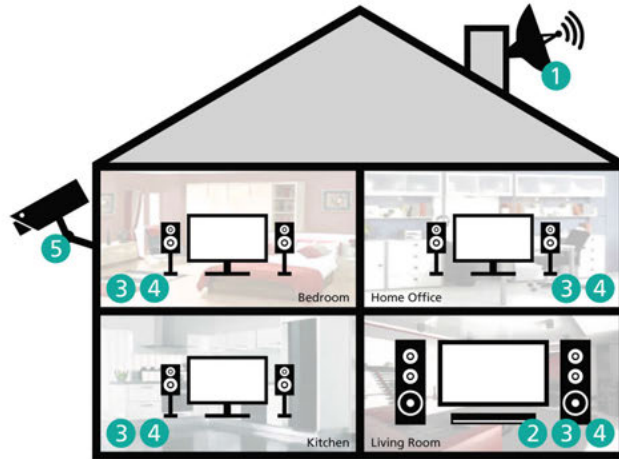
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