

November Dragon

November's Dragon has lots of news to impart, not least being the return of the hedgehog! The little feller has been busy wandering up and down Vernons Close and Mill Road but hopefully is now safely hibernated in a cosy nook.

Although the weather has now become quite autumnal and the trees are losing their leaves the children from Henham School were fortunate to have lovely sunshine for their trip to the Isle of Wight in September. Activities included finding fossils, making sand layered lighthouses and studying the cliffs from the beach; of course including a little paddle in the water! The younger children, meanwhile, were entertained with a daytrip to find out about Gruffalos at Thorndon Park. All the activities were based around the Julia Donaldson story of "The Grufalo" and included making leaf kebabs and learning about owl pellets.

If you would like to get involved with the school why not become a Governor? The aim of the board of governors is to help raise standards at the school and can be a very rewarding role. Further information is available from Mrs Hipperson at the school office 01279 850213 or email admin@henhamugley.essex.sch.uk

Henham and District Garden Society will celebrate its 40th birthday on 1st November. The Society now meets at the Memorial Hall in Elsenham and membership still stands at just over fifty. Next years programme (2017) will include visits to the RHS garden at Wisley and the Old Vicarage at East Ruston. There will also be speakers, the Spring Show and the plant sale, so lots to recommend it. Annual subscription stands at just £10 and new members are welcome.

Henham Parish Council have now installed a defibrillator outside OSCA. The first training session took place on 24th September. Two more sessions have been planned –Thursday 10th November at 8pm and Wednesday 23rd at 1.30pm. All residents are invited to attend one of these potentially lifesaving sessions, which will last about an hour.

This year the Remembrance service for those that have died in the line of duty will take place on 13th November. This will entail some road closures between 10.55 and 11.05 am: - Church Street (from junction with the Chase to the junction with the High Street and Crow Street)
High Street (from the Post Office to the junction with Church Street and Crow Street)
Crow Street (from the turning for OSCA to the junction with Church Street and High Street)

Very sadly we recently said goodbye to Bessie Hayden. Bessie was a stalwart of the village and most of us will have known her from her work in the post office at the village shop where she always had a kind word for any new comers to the village. Karen George- Lafferty shares some memories of Bessie including the fact that she was actually a Yorkshire lass! Our thoughts are with her family at this sad time.

Lastly, we look forward to Christmas with our usual adverts for turkeys and Christmas trees. John Smith and Bob McKeen will once more be leading the Christmas choir and rehearsals commence in November. Practice dates and venues are all on Fridays at 7.45pm:

11th Nov HENHAM
18th Nov UGLEY
25th Nov ELSENHAM
2nd Dec UGLEY
9th Dec ELSENHAM
16th Dec HENHAM

Wendy Hogg

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