## LOCAL BUSINESSES

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- Only businesses in the Parish of Henlow can advertise on this page.
- The cost to advertise is £10 per year (four issues).

**This list is also available on www.henlow.net**
A night to remember! – Henlow Fireworks Display 2006
Henlow Parish Councillors

Peter Brigham 2 Northfield Close  SG16 6AY  01462 815589
Steven Buckley 4 Elizabeth Court  SG16 6EQ  01462 814514
Amy Cliff 1A Park Lane  SG16 6AT  01462 811329
Neil Cliff 1A Park Lane  SG16 6AT  01462 811329
Pat Cook 15 Oak Drive  SG16 6BX  01462 812209
Steven Dixon 77 High Street  SG16 6AB  01462 816262
Jan Sapiano 107 High Street  SG16 6AE  01462 812416
Richard Wemham 2 Jordan Close  SG16 6PH  01462 816694
Tim Wiles 40 Clifton Road  SG16 6BH  01462 811878
Michele Joy Louise House, Newtown  SG16 6AJ  01462 811783

Chairman: - Steven Dixon  Vice Chairman: - Tim Wiles

Clerk: - Mr Peter Evans  44 Alexander Close, Stotfold SG5 4NA  01462 735041

Cllrs. Brigham and Joy represent the Henlow Camp Ward and have special responsibility for it.

Henlow Parish Council have both landline (01462-735041) and mobile (0780-5700026) telephone numbers. These are dedicated numbers for reporting failed street lights or other problems; for Parish Council information; and for enquiries about booking Henlow Parish Hall. The Clerk is part-time and so is not always available, but an answer phone service is provided and all messages will be responded to as soon as possible.

E-mail: HenlowPC@aol.com  Website: www.henlow.net

Note: Henlow Parish Hall is available for hire. For details please contact the Clerk.

Mid-Beds District Council

Henlow Langford Ward
Cllr. Neil Cliff 1A Park Lane, Henlow SG16 6AT  01462 811329
Cllr. Sonia Sewell 76A Church Street, Langford SG18 9QA  01767 700582

Henlow Camp, Stondon & Shillington Ward
Cllr. Rita Drinkwater 41 Station Road, Stondon SG16 6JN  01462 850493
Cllr. Anthony Whiteman Pegsdon Way, Pegsdon SG5 3JX  01462 881681

Bedfordshire County Council

Cllr. Tony Rogers 3 Poppy Hill, Henlow  01462 816305
Useful names and numbers:

Lister Hospital 01438 314333
Bedford Hospital 01234 355122
Stotfold Surgery 01462 732244
Shefford Surgery 01462 814899
Langford Surgery 01462 700888
Lower Stotfold Surgery 01462 850305

Police PC Steve Busby 07986 308368
St. Andrew’s R.C. Church Fr Bennie Noonan 01462 813166
Henlow Methodist Church Rev P Snelson 01462 813284
St. Mary’s Parish Church Rev J Morley 01462 700248

Henlow Tiny Tots Jennie Fraser 01462 815692
Henlow Village Pre School Mrs L Rogers 01462 812395
Derwent Lower School Mrs C Howell 01462 812047
Raynsford V.C Lower School Mrs S. Phillips 01462 812319
Henlow V.C. Middle School Mr R. Payne 01462 813733
Samuel Whitbread Community College Mr R. Owen 01462 629900

Post Office (Camp) Open Mon - Fri: 9-5.30 Sat: 9-12.30
Post Office (Village) Open Mon - Sat: 9am-1pm

Bowls (Men) Mr T Butt 01767 223379
Bowls (Ladies) Mrs R Addison 01767 681954
Scout Group Mrs J Booker 01462 811460
Brownies and Guides Alison Wenham 01462 816694
Rainbow Guides Mrs Jane Wallis 01462 813008
Cricket Mr M Chudley 01767 314800
Drama Group Mrs A Gough 01462 816735
Football - Junior Mr. M Warlow 01462 815138
Football - Senior Mr. L. Machin 01462 813639
Henlow News Jenny Turvill 01462 814244
Henlow Village Care Scheme 07989 253422
Henlow Village Design Assoc. Ian Taylor 01462 812532
Royal British Legion (Henlow) Jim Gregory 01462 813074
Henlow Singers Mrs P Price 01462 812337
Biggleswade Chronicle correspondent Yvonne Joy 01462 811783
Henlow Good Companions Mrs D Oakley 01462 817081
The Gardens Monday Club Mr T Vincent 01462 814030
Henlow Sports & Social D Grummitt 01462 815812
Beds & Herts Fuchsia Society Miss A Griffiths 01908 644004
Conservation and P3 Group Mr M Knight 01462 812532
Women’s Institute Mrs P Tomlinson 01462 850233
Friends of St. Mary’s, Henlow Mrs J Painter 01462-811795
Would you like to become a Parish Councillor?

Elections for Parish Councillors will be held on Thursday May 3rd 2007.

The present Parish Council completes its four year term of office this year and a new Parish Council will be formed. The present council, elected in 2003, had councillors in their 20’s, 30’s through to their 80’s who, after the initial settling in and learning period, have made a number of important steps forward with the help of the Clerk, Peter Evens. He was also learning but has now become qualified and fully conversant with Henlow Parish affairs. It has been a stimulating time for all having such a range of interest and experience.

Henlow nearly always has an election and this is a very healthy situation. Henlow Parish Council has recently been awarded Quality Parish Council status, one of a handful in Bedfordshire. One of the requirements was for all councillors to have been elected at the last election. In Henlow there was keen competition in 2003 and a high turn-out because of the interest of residents. The Parish covers Henlow Village (10 councillors) and Henlow Camp (2 councillors) up to the Henlow side of the Bedford Road. An election would not be needed if there were only twelve, or fewer, candidates. Those nominated would then become councillors so long as they are qualified to do so.

Henlow is one of the busiest Parishes in Bedfordshire having nearly as much to look after as some Town Councils. There are two recreation grounds, the new Millennium Field, allotments, the Parish Hall, Sports Pavilion, The Pump, War Memorial as well as the grass, lighting, highways matters and so on. Important decisions will have to be made soon about the future of the community buildings.

It is hoped that many present councillors will stand for election again as continuity is very important but some will, unfortunately, not be standing again for a variety of reasons so it is important to have some new councillors.

As a Parish Councillor you will want to do something positive and to make a difference. You get no financial reward. As the first tier of local government the Parish Council has specific powers granted by Parliament including raising money through taxation (the Precept). Please consider giving it a go if you want to help shape the future of Henlow. To find out more you could attend a council meeting, talk to a councillor or the Clerk, and come to the Annual Parish Meeting. (See ‘Dates of Next Henlow Parish Council meetings 2007’).
**Chairman’s Introduction**

This is the last edition of the “Parish Pump” before Parish Council elections are to be held in May. It seems only a moment ago that we held the last election but it has been nearly 4 years. While I have only chaired the council for 3 of those years I thank all the Councillors who have served during this last term, for their support during this period. During this time we said farewell to 4 Councillors.

Tony Rogers moved to a higher calling and is now a County Councillor. However, he still continues to work with Henlow PC in his new capacity. After more than 2 terms with the Council, Ken Ward chose to stand down last year. He was always a staunch supporter of Henlow Camp’s part in the Parish and will be greatly missed. Following a major upward move in his job, Leighton Machin found it difficult to be available for the Councils meetings and duly resigned towards the latter half of 2006. Always bringing a “younger” perspective on matters, his contribution has been greatly missed. Finally, can I thank too, Michael Warlow. His energy and drive, particularly on matters regarding the Highways was a great support to this Council. He was also responsible for the installation of the new children’s play equipment at the Pyghtles from which everyone has benefited. While it is as yet uncertain who will stand for re-election in May, can I thank again all those past and present for their efforts.

Finally, may I finish by thanking you all for your support over the last 4 years and wish you a very prosperous 2007.

Regards

Steven Dixon
Chairman
Henlow Parish Council

**Parish Properties Update**

Despite it being the major issue of election in 2003 we are only now managing to move the review of our property requirements forwards in more tangible steps.

The background briefly is the belief that we needed to amalgamate our two principle buildings into one purpose built building to cater for the changing needs of the Parish. After much consultation and discussion, the council has selected to proceed with the option that sees us realise the value we have in the Parish Hall; but still probably retaining the freehold, and to erect on the site of the existing Pavilion, a new facility.

After an initial design that saw an amalgamation solely of the properties existing
users requirements, we have recently agreed to also consider other potential user groups. In particular we are aware of the government’s agenda with regards to “extended schools” and have initiated discussions with both the schools in the village and with the relevant departments at County Hall, to see if a better “shape” of facility might be developed?

Initial discussions on options for us at the current Hall have also been had with the District’s planning and Environmental Health departments to consider their views. We hope that the discussions with the schools and associated voluntary groups will be concluded within the next few months, so that we can finalise our thinking for the summer, before bringing forward any final proposals for public consultation thereafter.

Pyghtles – No Dogs Allowed

This notice is to inform anyone with an interest that Henlow Parish Council is considering making an “Exclusion of dogs entering land” Dog Order to make it an offence for anyone who allows a dog for which he or she is responsible to enter the land known as ‘The Pyghtles’ in the Parish of Henlow.

The Order, if made, will apply to all the land within the area bounded by Coach Road, Park Lane, Groveside, and the school fields of Henlow Lower and Henlow Middle Schools. A map of the proposed area can be viewed on the notice board outside the Parish Hall, High Street, Henlow, or by appointment through the Clerk, please telephone 01462 735041.

Henlow Parish Council invites all representations on the proposal. Representations need to be made to the Parish Council by 7th March 2007 and should be sent to:

The Parish Clerk
Henlow Parish Council
44 Alexander Road
Stotfold SG5 4NA

Or by email: henlowpc@aol.com

Peter Evans
Parish Clerk
Henlow Parish Council

November 5th Fireworks Display

Henlow Parish Council believes that the November 5th fireworks display was a great success. It proved to be a wonderful community event and, as a result, we would like to hold it every year. The cost of the display, paid from the precept, works out at less than 50p per person. If anyone feels that this is not good value for money, please let us know by contacting the Clerk.
**Millennium Field - Keep Dogs on Lead**

This notice is to inform anyone with an interest that Henlow Parish Council is considering making a “Keep a dog on a lead and failure to remove dog faeces” Dog Order to make it an offence for anyone who is responsible for a dog to not keep the dog on a lead at all times or fail to pick up and dispose of its faeces whilst they are in the area of land known as ‘The Millennium Field’ in the Parish of Henlow.

The Order, if made, will apply to all the land within the area bounded by Gardeners Lane, the Churchyard extension, the Boyd Scout Field, and the River Ivel. A map of the proposed area can be viewed on the notice board outside the Parish Hall, High Street, Henlow, or by appointment through the Clerk, please telephone 01462 735041.

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**Carpet Bowls at Henlow Sports & Social Club**

When the bowling green rinks have closed and the cricket stumps have been drawn for the last time at the end of the summer season, then the members of the Henlow Sports and Social Club at the Pyghtles get down to the “not too serious” business of their carpet bowls league for the winter months. The carpet bowls league is played on most Saturday evenings as a social event and helps to fill the calendar until the new summer season begins.

By mid January there was no clear leader with six teams all within 2 points of each other at the top of the league table. The last evening of the bowling league will be on 24th March 2007 so there is still time for lots of changes to the positions of the teams in the league table.

The indoor carpet bowls season will finish with a presentation evening on Saturday, 31st March 2007.
Sudoku

Fill in the squares in the grid so that each row, column and each of the 3x3 squares contains all the digits from 1 to 9.

Solution to last issue’s Sudoku

Dates of Henlow Parish Council Meetings 2007

Full Council meetings are normally held every three weeks on Monday evenings, starting at 7:30pm, in the Committee Room of Henlow Parish Hall.

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Details are posted on the notice board at the Parish Hall. If any of these dates has to be changed the required notice will be given by the Council. Planning matters are included on the agenda of these Full Council meetings. There is a provision for members of the public to speak but if you wish to do so you should let the Clerk know before the meeting, or arrive 15 minutes before the start.

The **ANNUAL PARISH MEETING** will be held in the main hall of Henlow Parish Hall on WEDNESDAY 4th APRIL at 7:30pm.

**This meeting is for all residents in Henlow Parish**

Councillors and the Clerk will report on all aspects of the work done during the year and will be available to answer questions. This will be the last Parish Meeting to be held in the term of the present Parish Council since elections will take place on May 3rd for a new Council. There will also be reports from some other organisations such as Charities, Police and R.A.F. Henlow.

**Bedfordshire County Council Surgeries.**

The next surgery in Henlow will be held on Tuesday 13th March from 10am to 11:30am when County Councillor Tony Rogers will be present in the Committee Room of Henlow Parish Hall.
Funding For Local Organizations

Did you know that Parish Councils are able to spend a limited amount of their income (precept) every year on anything that will benefit all (or part) of the community under something called “Section 137”.

Regulations state that any money spent this way must generate a “matching” benefit to local people.

Henlow Parish Council have set the following additional criteria that should ideally be met before any money can be issued under Section 137:

- Applications must be from local, voluntary groups.
- The funds must be used for capital expenditure.
- Applicants must supply estimates for the relevant project(s).
- Revenue expenditure will only be considered if this is required to keep the group open whilst an alternative source of funding is sought.
- Ideally the latest audited accounts should be supplied with any application, to satisfy the Council that the group is solvent.

The Council invites anyone who feels they meet the above criteria to submit a written application via the Clerk.

Applications will normally be considered, and replied to, once every 3 months, although provision has been made to deal with “emergency” applications more swiftly.

Update on the Calor Village of the Year Competition 2006/7

Henlow Village was awarded the Bedfordshire Village of the Year title last September. Henlow was then invited to represent Bedfordshire in the national competition that will be judged in five regions. We had to enter in all six categories: Building Community Life, Business, Older People, Younger People, Environment and Information Communication Technology.

The entry was sent in at the end of November and Henlow will be visited by three judges during the week of April 22nd to 28th. These judges will be looking at the eight villages that were county winners in Suffolk, Norfolk, Essex, Bedfordshire, Cambridgeshire, Hertfordshire, Buckinghamshire and Berkshire in the Eastern Region.

A display showing different aspects of life in Henlow will be put on at the Parish Hall. The details of this will be discussed soon and organisations will be contacted well in time for preparations to be made.
News from the Camp

The Chiltern Air Support Unit, a civilian policy helicopter unit, commenced operations from RAF Henlow airfield on 23 December. Operating hours are on a ‘Call Out’ basis daily (including weekends) from 1000am until 0330hrs. They are operating a state of the art "quiet" helicopter which should prove to cause a significant reduction in noise associated with a traditional single rotor helicopter. It is definitely much quieter than the military Chinook (double rotor) helicopter traffic which, due to our location close to 3 active military units, we have reluctantly grown to tolerate at Henlow.

The Bus stops have now been upgraded by use of a slightly elevated, textured block work, to offer easier access onto and from the new-style buses, and there has also been a distribution of new litter bins, mainly in the vicinity of the food retail shops. The roundabout at “The Bird in Hand” is now looking a lot better following its landscaping, which was partly funded by Henlow Parish Council, and we are reliably informed that both the Pelican crossing on the A600 Bedford Road, and the Bus Shelter on the Henlow side of that road, are due soon.

With the recent adverse windy conditions, those living closest to the RAF perimeter may have picked up dubious sounding Tannoy messages blowing in the wind - “Action Level 1…….” So as to put everybody’s mind at rest, this is merely a local instruction to close the hanger doors on four specific hangers on the Camp to protect them from potential wind damage. These four buildings date from circa 1919, when the station was first built, and support a unique roofing structure know as the Belfast Truss. RAF Henlow is the only station with more than one solitary example of this roofing structure left in the country. The four hangers concerned are Grade II listed with English Heritage.

The children’s play areas on the site of the new Bedford Road development are still awaited. There are to be two areas, a small one for very young children and a larger area to be located to the southern most point of the site (which was until recently the site of the building contractors’ offices) which will have a wider variety of items for a larger cross-section of age groups. At the time of writing, the larger site has been cleared so work would appear to be ready to commence.

Henlow Sports and Social Club

Henlow Sports and Social club, situated at the end of Groveside overlooking the playing field, is at present recruiting new members.

We have much pleasure in inviting you to visit the Pavilion for a complimentary glass of wine and to see what is on offer at the club.
The sports section caters for football, green bowls and cricket which are played on excellent facilities, possibly the best in Bedfordshire.

The club also has a social side, which we hope to develop in the coming months. At present the social activities include indoor carpet bowls, pool, darts and quizzes. A very popular traditional jazz band plays on the fourth Sunday of each month and is excellent value. The membership subscription is very good value for money at a modest £10 and concession of £8 per year.

The social activities take place in the newly refurnished clubroom, accompanied by a licensed bar with drinks at the lowest prices in the area. It also has a large screen television, which has proved popular for major sporting events.

Children under fourteen accompanied by adults are welcome to attend the club to enjoy its activities or use the newly installed play area situated on the adjacent recreation ground.

The building, with its large kitchen facilities and bar, is available for use by members for private functions. Full details from the club secretary.

Secretary. Dave Grummitt - 01462 815812 or mobile 07970 963474. Please direct social enquiries to Tony Rogers on 01462 811683.

To claim your ‘free glass of wine’ please bring this copy of ‘The Parish Pump’ with you any Saturday in May.

More Awards for Henlow

It was particularly pleasing to hear recently that Henlow was one of only 11 Parish and Town Councils across the County to be awarded Quality status.

Under 400 Towns and Parishes across the Country have been bestowed with this honour and it comes after much hard work for Henlow Parish Council. The award, which carries a lot of weight in areas such as grant applications, follows months of re-structuring and work by the Council, allowing us to meet an extensive series of guidelines which are then assessed by an independent panel of Judges.

The award is backed by the Government and has been achieved hot on the heels of Henlow’s success in winning the Bedfordshire Village of the Year competition.