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The Hare is always looking for ideas and articles. Whether this be something relevant to your village or locality, or just something in which you have an interest and would like to share with others, then please contact us. We would welcome your input.

It's the holiday season and there are a number of upcoming events that might tempt your fancy over the next couple of months...

Moth Breakfast



Last year's Moth Breakfast was so popular that St Mary's, Huntingfield have decided to host a second on Saturday 21st September. Starting at 8.30am with refreshments, including bacon rolls, come along and discover the amazing varieties that the moth traps have captured overnight with moth expert, Matthew Deans.

Macmillan Coffee Morning

Saturday 14th September

The Hub, 10.30 - 11.45am

You are all invited to this year's Coffee Morning raising funds for Macmillan Cancer Care. Over the years you have donated generously, whether it be in cake, money or both. So, if you are able, please bring a cake to the Hub on the day or just drop in to enjoy coffee (or tea), cake and a friendly chat.

Please bring cash if possible although a QR code will be available for electronic donations. We look forward to welcoming as many people as we can fit in!

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Sheepdog Trials

One Man & His Dog your thing? Enjoy spectating at the Sheepdog Trials taking place at Heveningham. See p 5

Scavenger Hunt

Fancy a challenge together with a walk around Huntingfield village? Have a go at our Scavenger Hunt on p 7



Youth Club

Launches on Friday 20th September
FREE to attend for all 11-14 year olds
7-8.30pm every other Friday at the Hub

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Hub News

To all the residents of Huntingfield, Heveningham & Ubbeston, the Trustees would like to invite you to a follow up meeting as requested at the AGM.

Wednesday 14th August, 7pm.

Refreshments available.

This is your Hub, please come along and have your say! The Trustees will update you on things that have happened since the AGM, but we also want to hear your views, hopefully answer any questions and to come up with plans going forward.

Dates for your diary:

Brunch will return on the 28th September at 10am following the summer break. We look forward to welcoming you!



Village Christmas Meal,

Sunday evening, 8th December, time to be confirmed. The price is the same as last year at £20 for a 2-course meal!



Book Bonanza! Please save any books for our Book Bonanza to be held at the beginning of 2025 together with a **Table Top Sale**. Date to be confirmed soon, so please save and, if need be, we will collect and store.

Finally, the Trustees agreed it was time to increase our hire charges. They have only been increased once since the Hub was built in 2016, so a review was well overdue.

Details are below, or you can check our website www.hub4all.org or email us at enquiries@hub4all.org

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Whole Hub or Main Hall+Kitchen Standard Hire:

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Heveningham Hall Country Fair



A big thank you to everyone who donated items for the tombola at the Country Fair. Each year we are tasked to collect at least 100 tombola prizes from our village. Well, this year you *smashed it* with 150

good quality and 'in date' items donated.

Volunteers to help set up, run and take down the fair were also not slow in coming forward. Many volunteers have already asked to help again. For those who really can't wait until next year, the fireworks are on 9th November so why not get your name down with Julie Collett now?

As always, the village courtyard tearoom was a great success. More thanks go to those who baked delicious cakes and the willing volunteers who served teas and coffees and welcomed visitors with warm smiles.



This year the Blyth Valley Churches had a tent at the Fair where the churches exhibited different aspects of their heritage and buildings. Examples of Art Textiles from Holton, a wildlife quiz and information about Eco-church were all well received. Emma Ward, our Churchwarden, allowed us to display her wedding dress which brought many people into the tent. Discussions are already underway on how to make next year's display even bigger and more hands on.

Dates for your diary - Heveningham Hall Country Fair 2025 will be 28-29th June.

Sally Clarke

Huntingfield on the Telly!



We had some surprise visitors one late afternoon at the end of July. The crew from the popular BBC series 'Escape to the Country' arrived on the village green and asked permission to film part of an upcoming episode on the village green outside the Arms.

They are going to let us know when the programme will be aired so watch out for details and see our village on the telly!.

PS: Apparently the team commented on what a lovely village Huntingfield is! Not that we are surprised...

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Sheep Talk...



It's been all go during the last few weeks at Heveningham and Sibton. Grass cutting for winter forage has finished for this year. We have grass coming out of ears as the ladies haven't been able to eat enough to keep it nice and short. Some grass has gone down to the Home Farm in

Essex and put in a clamp to make silage for the cows down there: it has lots of clover in it so should be rocket-fuel and very tasty. We now have the task of collecting the remaining hay bales and storing them for our ladies here in Suffolk for the winter.

With the long grass, lameness has been a big issue. The grass is long and coarse and can make the sheep's feet very sore between their toes. All the ladies have had a few days going through the foot spa and they have improved dramatically. They have also had their annual bath to help them with the biting flies, ticks and other parasites. This involves the "Dipping Man" coming with his lorry. The sheep walk up a ramp and, once on the lorry, they slide into the bath. They are submerged briefly, two or three times, before being allowed to climb out of the water and have a few minutes to stand and drip dry. This will protect them for at least six weeks.

Some of the lambs have been weaned from their mums. They have been very settled, as have the ewes, which is a sign that the ladies were ready to be rid of their babies. Some of the youngsters are as big as their mums already! More weaning is on the cards for the coming week so there are a few days of noisy sheep to come....



A month ago, I had a very freaky and traumatic incident with my dogs. Whilst we were foot bathing the sheep, I parked the dogs under a large tree for shade as it was extremely hot. Unfortunately, I didn't know that there was a bee's nest in the tree above them. The bees swarmed into the dog box where the dogs were shut in. All three dogs suffered multiple stings before I knew what was happening. I got over 30



stings myself whilst rescuing them and getting them to the river to remove the bees from their fur.

Two of my dogs were just lethargic for a couple of days. However, Jazz was not as fortunate and suffered a massive hypersensitivity reaction. She required emergency veterinary care and it was touch

and go as to whether she would make the night. The toxins from the stings were so severe that her red blood cells were breaking down within her veins. Thankfully, after two weeks on medication, fluid therapy and TLC, she has since made a full recovery. It is something I've never experienced.

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Sheep Talk

If your dogs are stung, I would definitely recommend a phone call to your vet. Jazz went from fit and healthy to being seriously poorly in less than 40 minutes.



Finally, it was lovely to have so many people come and take the time to show interest in the cattle and the sheep at the Country Fair this year. There were many questions and lovely comments from the crowds who came to visit.

Also, the Sheepdog Demonstration had

huge numbers of spectators, especially on the Saturday. The crowd really seemed to enjoy it, especially when things didn't go quite according to plan! Deep down I think the ladies enjoyed being pampered and spoilt for a couple of days at the show.

Sheepdog Trials

This summer I will be hosting three weekends of Sheepdog trials here at Heveningham. The dates are: August 24th-25th, September 21st-22nd and October 5th. The last date will be my Macmillan Coffee Morning charity trial. All proceeds from the refreshments I provide go to the charity. Last year we managed to raise £2,009 during the summer & winter series of trials. For details see <https://eass.org.uk/events/>



You will see the EASS signs for the trials and, although it may look like a private event, **all spectators are very welcome, as are dogs**. All we ask is that the dogs remain on leads and are kept under control. If you come to watch and would like to know what is happening at the trial, please just ask, and all will be explained!

Lucy

Harvest Supper



This year our Harvest Supper will be held in The Hub on Saturday 5th October. As always it will consist of a two-course home-cooked supper with children under 12 eating for free.

The evening always proves popular and it is a lovely way to celebrate the end of Harvest with friends and family. Please put the date in your diaries: more details of times and menu will be published later.

A Harvest Festival service will be held in the church on Sunday 20th October at 10am. Come along and join in the singing of 'We plough the fields and scatter' and other favourite harvest hymns. Refreshments will be served afterwards. All Harvest gifts will be donated to Halesworth Community Larder.



At this time of year the Community Larder is brimming with donations of local homegrown produce. Why not drop in and pick up some lovely fresh runner beans, cooking apples, carrots, courgettes and much more. The produce is free

to take but, if you prefer, you can make a cash donation or donate some of your own produce. The volunteers at the Larder would love to see you.

The Larder is open on Monday, Wednesday and Saturday, 10-11.30am in the Church Hall behind St Mary's Church, Halesworth.

Sally Clarke

3 Villages Youth Project (3VYP) Committee



We are coming to the end of this academic year and the committee would like to thank our parents, young people, volunteers and funding partners for their hard work and dedication. We have had a fantastic year, launching two new groups, setting up a website and of course, writing lots of policies!

At the beginning of the year, we recognised the impact the cost of living was having on many of our families and launched hot meals at all of our sessions. We are incredibly proud of the success of this scheme: this year our teams have provided over 700 hot meals for our children and young people!



Although we are taking a break over the summer, we will be back in September with two regular sessions at the Hub. Starting 13th September, our Kids Club for ages 5-11 will continue every other Friday, 4-5.30pm. The following week, Friday 20th September, the Youth Club will launch, open to anyone aged 11-14. It will run every other Friday from 7-8.30pm. We currently have spaces available for both. They will be free to attend so please come along and give our groups a go. For Kids Club we have an Early Bird Service whereby we meet bus children from the Hub drop off point and sign them into Kids Club early. This service must be booked in advance by noon on the Thursday before the session. Please speak to one of the team to access Early Birds. We also run a Baby & Toddler Group at Bramfield Village Hall on Friday mornings 9.30-11am. A youth club for older teens is planned for September 2025 in partnership with the Co-op who will offer work placements, mock interviews and employment resources.

For more information or to register please visit our website www.3VYPsuffolk.wordpress.com. You can also view and download our policies, read meeting minutes and check session dates for the 24-25 academic year.

Looking ahead

Our AGM will take place in September (date tbc). We welcome parents, volunteers and anyone interested in getting involved with our groups to come along. Please keep an eye on the community Facebook page and our website for updates.

Thanks to the fantastic support of the Co-op and other community schemes our plans to offer hot meals have been extended for the

upcoming year. We also have a workshop planned for the autumn which will focus on grants, funding and support available to help families impacted by the cost-of-living crisis including what help is available towards purchasing

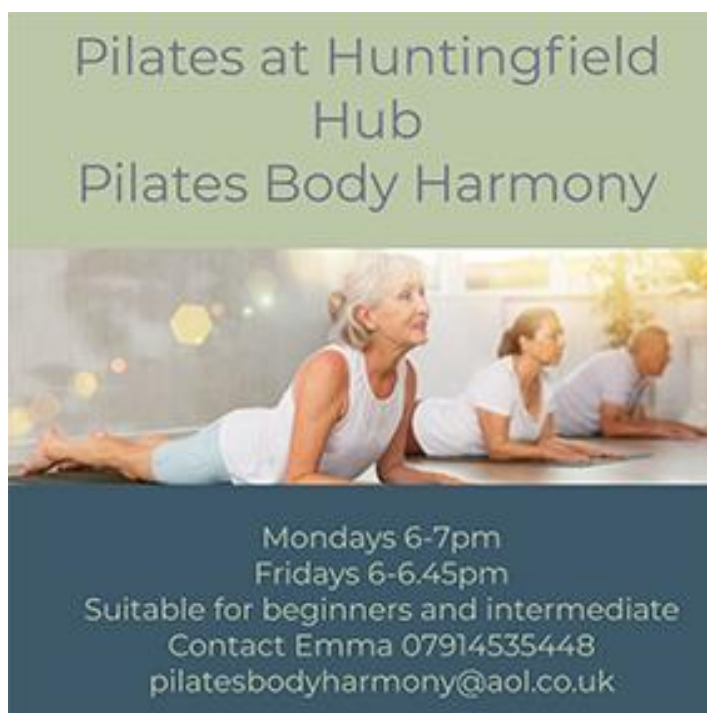


heating oil and staying warm over winter. It will be provided by the Citizens Advice Bureau and will be open to the wider community as well as our Kids and Youth Club families. It would be helpful for us to gauge numbers for this event as CAB have offered to deliver the talk in two sessions if turnout is high.

To register interest please email threevillagesyouthproject@outlook.com using the phrase 'CAB Workshop' in the subject line.

We would like to wish all of our families, children and young people a fantastic Summer and look forward to seeing you all in September!

Charlie Yule



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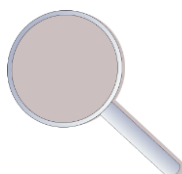
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A Huntingfield Scavenger Hunt

Looking for something to do this summer? Have a walk around the village and see if you can find the answers to our cryptic clues. They can all be spotted in the village area (from the Church to the end of Laundry Lane, Brick Kiln Lane and Bridge Street). The answers will be published in the next Hare. Keep your eyes peeled and enjoy!



- 1) I'm under very elaborate cover.
- 2) If you want water, it's only 1 metre away from me.
- 3) An ancient art and a reminder of our agricultural community.
- 4) Pooh & Christopher would have fun here.
- 5) The answer to this clue is full of letters.
- 6) We couldn't give two hoots!
- 7) I'm not a bell and it looks like a long time since I've done any wringing.
- 8) It's not often you see me used, but when I am everyone notices.
- 9) Top to bottom doesn't take long here.
- 10) Something is missing here so pump action won't work well!

The Hare Team

Hundred Club



The 100 Club's aim is to raise £600 a year to

help with the upkeep and maintenance of the Huntingfield Millennium Green and Wild Flower Meadow. 100 people each pay £12 a year to enter the monthly draw of 3 numbers. First prize is £30, £15 second and £5 for third. Many thanks to all subscribers.

It's that time of year when Jim Wardale, Julie Collett, Alex Dipple and I start again to collect subscriptions from one and all. It's £12 per number, so we hope 100 people - including some of our four-legged residents - are able to (re)join the Club.

May

- 1st Ryan Jordan
- 2nd Camilla Costello
- 3rd David Collett

June

- 1st Carla Kruger
- 2nd Lauren Moloney
- 3rd Allan Barnes

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SPECIAL EVENTS

AUGUST:

- 31st Fire Inspired Six Course Feast from Mike Keen

OCTOBER

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NOVEMBER

- 9th Stargazing Supper with DASH Astro

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Footpath Closure



Access to the Millennium Green via Laundry Lane (at the bottom of the wildflower meadow) is currently closed while the Estate are laying a new sewer pipe and resurfacing the road to Valley Farm. This work is scheduled to be completed by 26th August when the access will be re-opened.

Do you knit?

**Have you any odd balls of yarn just sitting there?
Have you heard of Twiddle Muffs?**



I started knitting these to use up odd bits of yarn and have given them to families who are struggling with the effects of dementia on their loved ones. They really do work and offer relief for everyone. They are

knitted muffs with items attached to keep dementia patients' hands active and busy. Twiddle muffs contain strands of ribbons, beads and various fabrics attached both inside and outside. People with dementia often have restless hands and like to have something to keep their hands occupied. A twiddle muff provides a source of visual, tactile and sensory stimulation, as well as keeping cold hands warm.

If you are a knitter and would like to make a twiddle muff or two, please see the pattern below; it is very simple so you don't need to be an expert!

If you aren't a knitter but still want to support the cause we would welcome donations of wool, buttons, ribbons, or anything that could be used to enhance the muffs safely. I am currently working with Halesworth Dementia Carers to get these distributed to people who need them. More knitters mean more people will benefit. Please contact me via email if you would like to be involved in any way.

Jane Moore: janemoore120466@gmail.com

Twiddle Muff Pattern

Requirements:

- Odd balls of yarn, different textures are good for stimulation
- 6.5mm straight or 8mm circular needles
- Beads, ribbons, buttons - things that can be twiddled with but will not break and are not sharp to touch or brittle.

Instructions:

Cuff (inside): Cast on 40 stitches using two strands of double knitting wool or one strand of chunky wool. Work in stocking stitch (knit a row, purl a row) for 11 inches/28cm.

Muff body (outside): Continue in stocking stitch until work measures 23 inches/59 cm using any oddments

of various textures of wool. E.g. chunky, mohair, snuggly, eskimo, ribbon and chenille. Cast off.

Finishing and decoration: (I decorated mine before I made it into the muff as I found it easier to secure the decorations). With right sides facing, neatly sew the long sides together. Turn to right side. Push the cuff up inside the muff body and sew the two short ends together.

Decoration: Try to include at least six decorations on the outside and four on the inside. Including bits and bobs on the inside means that agitated hands can then be soothed and kept warm at the same time. Make sure everything is sewn on tight so they cannot be pulled off and there are no loose threads.

Mobile Library



The mobile library visits monthly, calling at: Heveningham, Forge House at 10.30-10.50 and Huntingfield Hub 15.10-15.30. Dates are 6th August and 3rd September. Details can also be found online at:

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David's Column



The July Parish Council meeting was well attended and, during the 'open' session, several interesting items were raised for future consideration. One issue was that of Himalayan Balsam growing in the Carnser, close to the bridge. As it is an offence to allow it to grow in the wild this was reported to the

Heveningham Hall Estate and I am happy to report that it has already been cleared.

A second concern was the future funding of The Hub via a contribution from the precept. The Hub Trustees are planning an open meeting in August (see p 2) as a follow up to the Hub AGM to discuss the future plans, ideas and funding for The Hub. This will then be included on the agenda for the next PC meeting.

We were very happy to co-opt Sally Kline as a new Parish Councillor. We welcome Sally to the Parish Council and look forward to working with her.

Following on from the previous meeting, we have investigated the installation of a mobile phone mast in the church tower as part of our CIL spend. It has been indicated that there may not be enough demand from the village to justify the installation. However, it was agreed that a petition will be placed in the foyer of The Hub to be signed by everyone who has problems with mobile connectivity and who would support this project. We will then be able to approach potential suppliers with figures rather than speculation. The petition will be in place from the beginning of September and I would urge everyone to sign it.

Finally, I can report that the new storage shed is now in place at the back of The Hub and that the Bike Station has been ordered for installation beside The Hub, both funded from the Community Infrastructure Levy.

The next meeting will take place on 11th September at 7pm at The Hub so do please join us. Agendas and minutes of all meetings can be found on the website: <https://huntingfield.onesuffolk.net/huntingfield-parish-council/>.

David Blackmore
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Nature Notes

I was recently standing transfixed in Huntingfield early one morning, watching and listening to our fantastic local Swifts. A flock of around forty were joyfully chasing each other whilst at the same time emitting their familiar loud screams. They are dark birds with long sickle shaped wings that enable them to achieve very high speeds, in fact they can reach around 70mph, making them the fastest bird in the world in level flight.



Similar scenes will be taking place across the UK as these charismatic birds gather, prior to their migration to winter homes south of the Equator. A good percentage of the flocks at this time will be young who fledged this year. This chasing activity will help them hone their flying skills prior to their long and perilous flight south. Amazingly, they will not land again until they return to a nest in a roof next summer. Swifts feed (on insects), sleep and mate on the wing and never perch like other small birds such as Swallows.

As I stood watching them, suddenly their screams altered pitch and volume and sounded much more agitated. A second later I saw why - a Hobby had dashed in amongst the Swifts. Hobbys are small falcons that have similar sickle shaped wings and do look very much like a large Swift. They hunt in flight, catching

insects such as dragonflies and also flying birds including Swallows, Martins and, of course, Swifts.



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The village Swifts certainly recognised the Hobby as a threat and all of the flock, as well as turning up

their call volume, gathered together to chase after the predator which itself then felt threatened and quickly departed the scene! The Hobby's Latin name is *Falco subbuteo*, with *subbuteo* being Latin for small Buzzard. The table football game Subbuteo, itself a hobby, is so called after the bird.

Matthew Deans, our local moth expert, completed the latest of his monthly moth trapping surveys on the Millennium Green



recently. He recorded a remarkable fifty-one species including Dingy, Scarce, Common and Rosy Footman, Poplar Hawkmoth, Scorched Carpet, Scalloped Oak, Elephant Hawkmoth and Magpie Moth. He actually caught a total of eleven Magpie Moths in just the one trap, which he said was notable as this attractive and once familiar garden species seems to be declining in much of Suffolk.

The Elephant Hawkmoth is a very colourful pink and greenish russet, quite large (c.50mm long) night flying moth that feeds on nectar from plants such as



honeysuckle. The caterpillars look a bit like an elephant's trunk, hence the name. They feed on the bedstraw wild plant that grows quite profusely on the Millennium Green.

If you would like to see some of these amazing nocturnal insects and meet Matthew, we are running a Moth Breakfast at St Mary's, Huntingfield on Saturday September 21st. See p 1 for details.

Tony Howe

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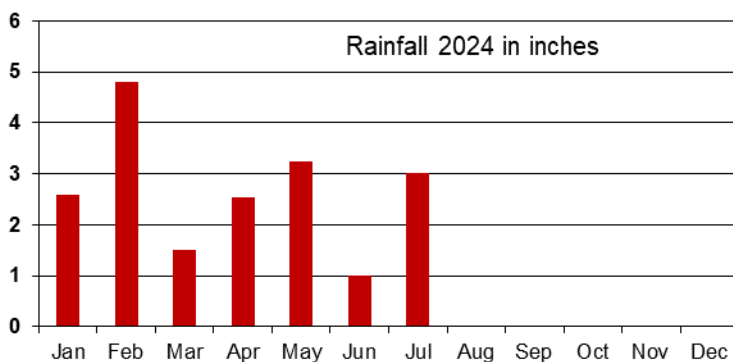
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Weather report: June-July 2024



So, our disappointing summer continues, in fact déjà vu! It's been the same theme throughout the summer so far: a meandering jet stream which has, in the main, forced a succession of

areas of low pressure over or close to us and only allowing an occasional ridge of high pressure to influence our weather with warmer and more settled periods.



So, what of the rainfall? July this year has seen less rain than in the same month of 2023, in fact, 1.91" (48.5mm) less. Whereas, in June this year there was .40" (10.1mm) more than June 2023. Overall, June/July 2024 was 1.52" (38.61mm) drier than last year. Year to date we have rainfall totaling 15.70" (398.78mm) compared to 18.40" (467.36mm) in 2023. Strange as it seems though, we've had over 3.00" (76mm) less rain but considerably more cloud which I attribute to rising sea temperatures (although I could be wrong...). I suppose we will see the same sort of weather patterns for the rest of the summer, but let's at least enjoy the warmer weather while it lasts!

Richard Tyler

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Since moving up to 16 pages The Hare is looking for some new advertisers in order to keep our costs down and to allow us to distribute the newsletter free of charge to residents of the three villages. The cost for a full year (6 issues) is very reasonable:

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St Margaret's Church, Heveningham with Ubbeston



In June we welcomed the christening of Hugo with his parents Jane and Marc. It was a lovely sunny day: Hugo was a delight and took it all in his stride.

We have had a quieter month in July but still had some fun and games trying to get a set of ladders up our very narrow staircase

and into the Belfry so that we could finalise the checks for our Quinquennial report. Our 2 helpers managed to manoeuvre the ladders up the staircase and put them in position, luckily with no one getting stuck, as I was on lookout in case of an emergency. I'm not really sure what I could have done as I was not in favour of making the climb myself, especially as two rather dusty men covered in cobwebs emerged. We are looking forward to getting our report back, we can then look at starting our repairs.

Obviously, in order to help with the upkeep of the church we are heavily reliant on grants and donations. Our coffee mornings are a continuing success and we have a few extra events lined up for August. On 10th August we are holding a pet service, aimed at families with or without pets. We have had an indication of some unusual pets that may attend, so please come along and join in. Children are welcome to bring pets or just a cuddly toy. Weather permitting, it will be held outside on the Glebe.

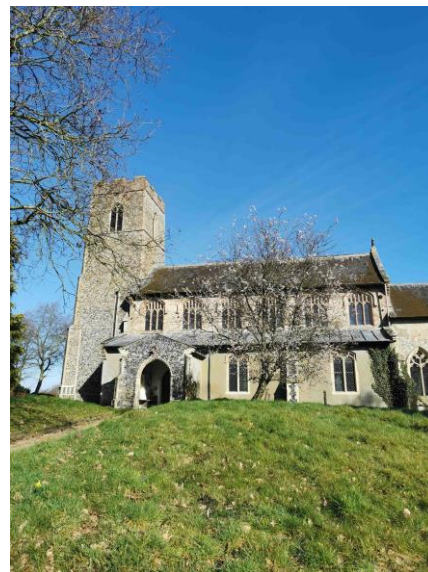
We are also hoping to hold a boot fair on the Glebe with the coffee morning. If you would like to 'book a boot' please contact me. Cars £5 and vans £8: spaces are limited so get in quick!

Dates for your diary:

10th August. Pet Service 10am Everyone welcome.

15th August. St Mary's Handbell ringers. All ages welcome. Come along and have a go at handbell ringing, or just come and listen. Refreshments available.

17th August. Boot Sale 9am-12pm. Please contact me to book your place. Refreshments available.



The church is open daily until 7pm throughout the summer months. We have local information available, plus our assortment of books and puzzles. Quite often we still have our bric and brac available for sale, so please pop by and pay us a visit.

Jeanette, Church Warden

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Arms Events

We do hope you're enjoying the current improvement in our summer weather. By the time you read this we will, sadly, be approaching the end of our summer break and preparing ourselves to get back to the grindstone! However, we will be returning with 10kg of our very own handmade "holiday" sausages so do watch out for them on future menus.

Meanwhile, entertainment at the pumps will be provided by Mike who will keep things ticking over until our return.

Looking forward, there is musical entertainment every Sunday in August, showcasing Differential, Underdog Duo, Black Deek Band (pictured) and Sugar Beatnicks. The following month, 15th Sept, Hot Stove 3 will be entertaining us.



Our annual Cider Sunday will take place along with the music on 25th August. There will also be a variety of foods from the West Country. If cider is your tippie do come along and taste an assortment of flavours, or just come along anyway...



Back to our themed food evenings, 12th September will feature a South American and Caribbean buffet. These evenings tend to be popular so please book early. Finally, the Shop on the Green will be back for all your foodie requirements on 28th September. Have a lovely Summer!

Sara & Steve

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Millennium Green News

Whilst the wet summer has not been enjoyable for many it has meant that the wild-flower meadow has grown profusely.



The fruit trees have also benefited with lots of apples appearing, especially on our newly planted, more vigorous trees. The wet weather and rapid growth meant that the paths through the meadow became difficult to mow, but that task has now been completed with many thanks to Mike and his mower!

Looking forward, we are planning a 25-year celebration party with a BBQ or hog roast on the Millennium Green next July 19th so please save that date in next year's calendar.

Also, please sign up for our brilliant fund raising Hundred Club that pays out monthly cash prizes: many thanks to Sue Brewer for organising this. See p 7 for details of how to join.

We are also planning to apply for funding grants so that we can replace some of our picnic tables and benches (our old ones have seen better days), plus, we are hoping to add a children's slide to our play area.

Tony Howe (Chair)



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History Corner: The Laxfield Parish Hearse

In January this year the Clerk to Laxfield Parish Council received an email from the Food Museum in Stowmarket with this startling information: *We are carrying out an audit of objects in the collection at the Food Museum, Stowmarket (previously the Museum of East Anglian Life) and have recently discovered records for the Laxfield Hearse and Laxfield Bier held here. Our records state that the objects are "On loan from Laxfield Parish Council" - set up on 24.6.1969.*

According to the email the buildings used to display and store the hearse and bier were both due for redevelopment in 2024 and the Food Museum was looking to return all items on loan and find temporary storage for thousands of other objects.

Who in Laxfield knew such objects existed? The date of the loan is about the time the then Parish Council was arranging a bygone exhibition in the village hall which became the basis of our museum's collection, then put on permanent display in Laxfield Guildhall in 1970. The information the Food Museum had is as follows:

The information for this item was supplied by Mr B.G. Quinton, who used to drive the hearse when he left school at 14. It was made by his father, village builder and wheelwright, who also became undertaker just after WW1 when he made the hearse. This was originally a bier, pulled by a 'T' handle, and was converted by adding a driver's seat and fore body from an old carriage (possibly a Victoria). Mr Quinton Snr. died in 1971 aged 84.



Length of body: 7 feet
Width of body: 3 (?)
Height of body: 2 feet 11 inches
Brass Rails: 4 feet
Total length: 11 feet
Driving seat: 3 feet 3 inches x 1 foot 2 inches
Wheels: Front: 3 feet (12 spokes)
Rear: 3 feet 6 inches (14 spokes)
Shafts: 6 feet

The accompanying photograph gave rise to a lot of excitement. It is a wonderful carriage with local history attached. However, our ancient doorways and inner space were never going to allow us to house this magnificent artifact, as much as we would love to. We looked to Laxfield Church, but again, space and practicalities were against this solution. The hearse needed to leave the Food Museum around Easter and time was ticking by.

The answer arrived in the shape of an elderly resident, who, by chance, heard of the vehicle's plight and said words to the effect that she remembered it and that it was always kept in the Hearse House. Another 'Who knew?' moment. Where was the Hearse House? It transpired that it is a large shed-like structure in the local cemetery, which most residents assumed was the gardener's shed. So, now it needed clearing and cleaning – a task successfully and speedily completed by a parishoner. A member of the Parish Council had access to a suitable trailer and the hearse move was completed just before the Easter deadline.

Thus, the Hearse that very few Laxfield residents knew they had, is back in its purpose-built house. But what next? Time for research and then deciding how to



show it to the public. Initial research has found this picture and inscription in the Museum

archives: it depicts the hearse in 1935 outside the Baptist Chapel, the reins of the pony called Chips, belonging to Mr Cullingford, are being held by Edward Read, aged 80, for the fee of 6d., which was apparently put to good use in the nearby local, The Royal Oak. As is often the case, other information has started to arrive and will add to the story. Ideas such as displaying the hearse outside the museum on certain days or opening the Hearse House to visitors are currently being explored. But the hearse is now back. Who knew?

Lynne Ward

Laxfield & District Museum opening times are 2-5pm every Saturday & Sunday & Bank Holiday until the end of October. Additional opening from 9.30-12.30 on Laxfield Community Market days.

Garden Club



Thanks go to Sally Jane for hosting a lovely woodland

walk at Manor Farm for our July monthly meeting and for the well-received post-walk refreshments.

As we go to print, we have still to confirm an August 'event' so will be in contact with members by email. Our Summer Party venue has very kindly been confirmed with Jeannette and Patrick at Clover Forge Farm on the weekend of 7/8th September. The exact details will be confirmed closer to the time.

Helen & Dunstan

Petanque



We are still sitting at the top of Division 3 and have only two games left before the end of the season. Whether we can hold onto the top spot remains to be seen? We lost our game on 21st July with a score of 3-1 – there were missed chances which would have at least seen us draw!

The club knockout draw has now taken place and these games will be played over the next few weeks. Will there be a new champion this year, or will Sam Sayer retain his title? Long may the sun shine as it is so much nicer playing in the sun rather than the rain!

Julie Collett

Captain, Huntingfield Hares

Your Parish Council

Ubbeston Parish Council



The most recent meeting of the Parish Council took place on Monday 8th July 2024. Draft minutes from the meeting can be viewed on the Parish Council website.

District Councillor Julia Ewart was in attendance. Cllr Ewart provided some information on the Sizewell C Community Fund and National Grid Parish Council briefings on Sea Link. The full District

Councillor report and the Suffolk County Councillor report can both be viewed on the Parish Council website.

The next meeting of the Parish Council is due to take place on Monday 9th September at 7pm at The Hub, Huntingfield. All residents are welcome to attend.

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Heveningham Parish Council



The most recent meeting of the Parish Council took place on Wednesday 17th July. District Councillor Julia Ewart was in attendance and noted that there are currently 13 Nationally Significant

Infrastructure Projects impacting Suffolk Coastal. It was also noted that anyone looking for support in securing a child school placement this September, in particular children with special educational needs, should get in touch with her. The full report, along with the County Council report for July, are available to view on the website.

The Clerk is liaising with the relevant departments at Suffolk County Council with regards to continuing issues with HGV's passing through the village and also with the speed of traffic using Heveningham Long Lane. The Parish Council is discussing possible additional items of play equipment for Bell Meadow, specifically for older children, after receiving a lottery grant for this purpose.

The next meeting of the Parish Council will take place on Wednesday 18th September and will be held at the church in Heveningham. All residents are welcome to attend.

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What's on – dates for your diary

August

4th Differential, live music at the Arms, p 13
6th Mobile Library, p 8
10th Pet Service, St Margarets, p 12
11th Underdog Duo, live music at the Arms, p 13
14th Hub Meeting, 7pm, p 2
15th St Mary's Handbell Ringers, St Margarets, p 12
17th Boot Sale, St Margarets, p 12
18th Black Deek Band, live music at the Arms, p 13
24-25th Sheepdog Trials, Heveningham, p 5
25th Cider Sunday & Sugar Beatnicks at the Arms, p 13

September

3rd Mobile Library, p 8
9th Ubbeston PC, The Hub, 7pm
11th Huntingfield PC, The Hub, 7pm
14th Macmillan Coffee Morning, The Hub, p 1
15th Hot Stove3, live music at the Arms, p 13
18th Heveningham PC, St Margarets, 7pm
21-22nd Sheepdog Trials, Heveningham, p 5
21st Moth Breakfast, St Mary's, p 1
28th Brunch at The Hub, 10-11am
28th Shop on the Green

Regular events at The Hub

Kids Club Every second Friday, starting 13th September, The Hub, 4-5.30pm
Youth Club Every other Friday, starting 20th September, The Hub, 7-8.30pm
Orchid Fitness Pilates Thursday a.m. (see advert on p 11)
Pilates Body Harmony Monday 6-7pm & Friday 6-6.45pm, The Hub (see advert on p 6)
Yoga Tuesday, 6.30-7.30pm, £7 per class. (Contact Hayley 07776184943)
Tai Chi Monday, 2-3pm (contact Cindy Engel, cindywildhealth@gmail.com)
Zumba Every Thursday, 11am-noon, £7 per PAYG session (see advert on page 4)
Relaxation Class with SarahLou Third Monday of the month, £15 pay as you go. £50 for the 4 sessions

Upcoming Events

5th Sheepdog Trials, Heveningham, p 5
5th October, Harvest Supper, The Hub, p 8
19th October, Magic & Comedy Evening, The Arms
20th Harvest Festival Service, St Mary's, 10am
16th November, Race Night, The Hub
8th December, Village Christmas Meal, The Hub
19th July 2025, Millennium Green 25th Anniversary Celebration

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