

# THE HARE

NEWSLETTER FOR THE VILLAGES OF  
HEVENINGHAM, HUNTINGFIELD AND UBBESTON



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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.*

### A musical summer...

Given the warm weather we've recently experienced you might think we were well into summer but we are officially only just at the end of spring. There are lots of events to look forward to in the villages this summer with plenty of live music involved, from music on the Green to Huntingfield's very own festival in August, the first Hubfest. More on p 7.

Surprisingly, it's not the first "festival" to take place in this part of the world. We have been researching the Follye Fayres that were held on Lenny's Hill, between Heveningham and Huntingfield, way back in the 1980s. More on these in the next issue of The Hare. However, the saying "history repeats itself" was never more true: 45 years ago the purpose of the Fayre was to raise money for Huntingfield village "hut" and Hubfest is a fundraiser for its replacement, The Hub.

Throughout June, July and August the Arms will host a variety of bands on the Green on Sunday afternoons at 4pm (details on p 8). There should be something to suit everyone's musical taste. However, if a sea shanty is more your thing then don't forget the Lowestoft Longshoremen who will be performing at St Mary's on 7<sup>th</sup> June (p 4) or you can have a go at Handbell Ringing at St Margaret's in August (p 14). Have a lovely start to a wonderful summer.

*The Hare Team*



### Good Luck Julie!

If you follow the Hare regularly you will have read of Julie Watson's fundraising ventures for her London-Paris bike ride in aid of Dementia UK. Well, the time is nigh and Julie will be setting off on 11<sup>th</sup> June (which is also her 60<sup>th</sup> Birthday). Good luck, safe cycling and we look forward to reading about your exploits in the next edition of The Hare. Oh and a very Happy Birthday!!



### Road Closure



The Country Fair returns this year with all the usual attractions. With the air displays we are required to close the road. Therefore, there will be a temporary road closure from the entrance to Heveningham Hall to the junction at Walpole on 28<sup>th</sup> and 29<sup>th</sup> June, from 3.30 to 4pm. We apologise in advance for any inconvenience this may cause.

*Heveningham Hall Country Fair Trust*

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# A decade ago: Magna Carta celebrations



I got a bit of a shock when I was looking at articles for The Hare this time... was it really 10 years since the Magna Carta celebrations in Huntingfield, over the weekend of 13-15<sup>th</sup> June 2015!



Towards the end of 2013 we were approached by the National Magna Carta 800<sup>th</sup> Committee who made us aware that

Baron William de Huntingfield was a signatory of the Magna Carta (*believe it or not, no one had a clue..*), therefore Huntingfield was classified as one of the 23 *Magna Carta Baron towns and villages*. The 800<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the signing was to be the focus of both national and local celebrations and, of course, little old Huntingfield was most definitely going to take part. Any excuse for a party at that time...

A committee was formed, headed up by Sally Simpkin who stepped down from her role as PC Chair to concentrate on the planning. We started fundraising - does anyone still have their Huntingfield jute bag? I do remember dressing in medieval costume and selling them at the Country Fair. We bid for £6,000 from the Heritage Lottery Fund: it was granted in August 2014 and meant that we could celebrate in style.

The planning and development then went on for a full year with the majority of the village stepping up to help out. The Arms redesigned their sign to include the

Baron's coat of arms and the village was decorated with flowers in red, gold and white to match. Hanging baskets went up outside the houses and there was even a mass bunting-making session in the Arms dining room ready to decorate every available space.



As is typical for good old England the weather didn't play ball!



After more than a year in the making the weather dawned.. wet. But we were undeterred, the show will go on!

The highlight of the weekend was the Medieval Fayre. A free to all extravaganza including the fabulously hysterical theatre production '*Magna Carta – The True Story*'. All narrated wonderfully by the late David Hull.

The main ring hosted a variety of events including maypole dancing and wheelbarrow jousting (horses not being available) whilst around the ring there were stocks, apple bobbing, a coconut shy, strolling jugglers and musicians to entertain and much more.



Monday saw the actual anniversary day with a 'villagers only' hog roast on the Millennium Green when we were treated to a firework display and lit the village beacon for the very first time.

It was definitely a memorable occasion and an amazing feat for such a small population. A lot of hard work for almost two years!

The information board and Huntingfield walk leaflets that sit by the Hub was also a result of Heritage Lottery Funding for this event.

A slightly more serious (but still grey and chill) Sunday started with the church bells being rung. There was a celebration in the Church including poetry readings and music. Even the Bishop was in attendance.

This was followed in the afternoon by a Liber Tea on the village green accompanied by a local jazz band. We also had lots of informative displays and items for sale, including the Baron's tea towels!



With the first Hubfest coming up in August let's see the life and soul of Huntingfield continuing to thrive!

*Helen Cannon*



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## Petanque



The summer season is upon us and we have had a great start. Our first game Cup match saw us come out on top, 4-0. We will

now play Glemham Crown on 1<sup>st</sup> June. The first league game was on 11<sup>th</sup> May against Thebs Plebs, the same team we played in the Cup, Again, we were victorious with a 3-1 win. Saturday 17<sup>th</sup> May was a previously postponed game against the Worlygigs. It was a glorious day, they were a good team, and most games could have gone either way. Well done to our team,

with another 3-1 win. The next league game is 8<sup>th</sup> June against Diss who are also a good side.

In the meantime, the triples competition has started where we are not fairing quite so well, having played 2 and lost 2. Both matches were against very formidable sides. I am once again playing in the Ladies Pairs. Finally Sam and Bertie recently played in a singles competition which saw Bertie win 3 out of 3. Well done! The team are looking to start weekday practice on Thursday evenings about 7pm. If anyone is interested, this would be your chance to come up and try it out. Hopefully the weather will continue tranquil throughout the season, with many more games under our belt to report next time.

*Julie Collett, Captain*

## Village Calendar

Two photos from each of our villages, Heveningham, Huntingfield & Ubbeston will feature in a calendar for 2026. Other photos will be the pick of the rest and you get to choose! Please deliver your photos by 31<sup>st</sup> July to the Hub post box (remember to include contact details) or email [enquiries@hub4all.org](mailto:enquiries@hub4all.org). The Community Partnership has offered to fund this for us and all proceeds will go towards the Hub that serves our 3 villages. An event will be arranged for you to come along and vote for your favourite images. *The Hub Trustees.*



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## Were you here in 1975?



We were recently presented with this old photo of the cast of Thumbelina, performed by the Laxfield Drama Club in 1975. The club was run by Louise Pratt and met in The Hut (the old Huntingfield Village Hall) for many years.

Were you in the production? Do you have any recollections of the various performances? Please do share your memories with us. Thanks to Rojina Roe who let us have a copy of the photo. Contact details are on the front page.

### CIL explained..

During the two recent planning hearings the Wilderness Reserve made reference to the "CIL money" that has benefitted the local villages. A number of people have understood this to be a form of donation or gift. The Community Infrastructure Levy (CIL) is actually a charge enforced by East Suffolk Council to raise funds from any developers undertaking new building projects in their area. These funds are then used to support infrastructure needs arising from development, such as roads, schools, and public transport. A proportion of the levy is also paid to the Parish Council where the development is sited. This money is then ring-fenced to be spent on infrastructure projects within the parish.

Due to the large-scale development which has taken place at Valley Farm Huntingfield Parish Council has received a substantial amount of CIL payments. There are still funds available to spend and the PC are always looking for new options. If you have any ideas, please contact one of the councillors.

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# The Huntingfield Millennium Green Second Annual Plant Sale



The Millennium Green held its 2<sup>nd</sup> annual plant sale on Sunday 18<sup>th</sup> May. We made a number of tweaks from last year - an earlier start time, more plant tables with a wider array of bigger perennials and more back up stock (all locally cultivated). We also kept things that had worked well, in particular making it a community event that people would enjoy being part of.

This year the weather meant we also had to change a few things - a mild winter and early spring gave us a head start but then cooler, cloudier weather held back some of the plants in April and, finally, a long spell of dry weather meant that we had to do a lot of watering!! Also, given the prevailing north/easterly winds we moved the refreshment tables inside where bacon rolls and cake could be enjoyed in the warmth of The Hub. We even provided a plant creche so that

visitors could leave their newly acquired plants with us whilst taking refreshments!

The day went as well as we had hoped. The weather was fine and by 9.50am a sizeable queue had started to form. As with last year, the majority of plants were sold in the first 90 minutes but this year we were able to replenish stocks so as not to disappoint late arrivals. Once again, we had some very good and informative feedback - it was interesting to note that our plant sale was much bigger than other similar local events, including Halesworth Gardening Society's event held on the previous day.

In terms of funds raised for The Millennium Green, the event was an even greater success than last year with takings up by over 50%. This means that the plant sale will effectively cover the Millennium Green's running costs for the next 12 months despite ever increasing charges for grass cutting, maintenance and insurance. We will also be making a donation to East Anglia Children's Hospices (EACH).

Many thanks to all of those who contributed to the event once again, both in advance and on the day itself, including the various plant and cake donors. As before, we are already starting to plan for next year's event in terms of what plants we want to add to the catalogue so please keep on leaving any unwanted plant pots at the collection point in The Hub car park. *With thanks on behalf of the Huntingfield Millennium Green Trustees*

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## Hubfest update



Summer is almost with us and we will soon be into festival season. There is one festival you must not miss. HUBFEST. Huntingfield's first and very own music festival which will take place on the Millennium Green. The Hubfest team have been busy behind the scenes. There will be six bands and one dance act. The Huntingfield Arms will be running a bar well stocked with real ales. We will have a creole street food stall, and a café and barbecue at The Hub. There will be a variety of stalls and also activities for children. With the weather on our side, this should prove to be a memorable event.

Tickets can be obtained in advance with an 'early bird' discount for £8.00 from Steve at The Arms, otherwise tickets are £10.00 on entrance. Don't miss out. Save the date!

*The Hubfest Crew*

## Mobile Library



The monthly mobile library stops at Huntingfield Hub on Tuesdays at

15.00-15.20. Upcoming dates are 10<sup>th</sup> June and 8<sup>th</sup> July.

Details can also be found online at:

<https://www.suffolklibraries.co.uk/mobile-library-route/leiston-mobile-library-route-13>

## 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.

### March

- 1st Dounie Stanley-Clarke
- 2nd Munchie Elsley
- 3rd Sally Jane Ellis

### April

- 1st Alex Dipple
- 2nd Beth, Chris, Zach and Archie
- 3rd Stuart Fitch

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## Arms Events

Yet again life has been hectic: exam stresses in the run up to half term while Sara has familiarised herself with the road to Wales more than once in the last few weeks. This left Steve in charge of the kitchen (with a very able assistant!). Thankfully normality reigns once more!

Its Father's Day on 15<sup>th</sup> June. We still have spaces to treat dad. Alternatively, you can order a takeaway savoury afternoon tea on Saturday or Sunday.



Our next special event is a BBQ buffet on Wednesday 18<sup>th</sup> June available for lunch or evening dining. Let's hope the weather plays along!

We have already filled the majority of the music slots for your Sunday entertainment so check the list below to see if your favourites are on there.

### Summer Music on the Green

8<sup>th</sup> June - Underdog

15<sup>th</sup> June - Table 9

22<sup>nd</sup> June - Black Deek Band

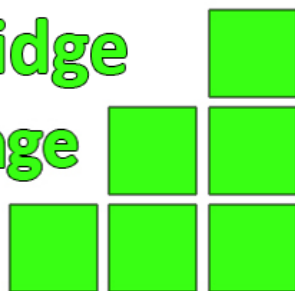
29<sup>th</sup> June - Ambassador of rock n roll

6<sup>th</sup> July - Alex Asher

17<sup>th</sup> August - Grace Brothers

*Have a lovely summer, Sara & Steve*

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## Weather report: April – May 2025

Two months have passed by since my last report and I was wondering what I could say since there had been no rain to speak of! Mercifully for farmers and gardeners alike, almost a miracle occurred and the rain gods got their act together and performed (a little!).



Wow, and how welcome it's been and I hope there has been enough (just) to fend off a looming disaster for crops but still more is much needed.

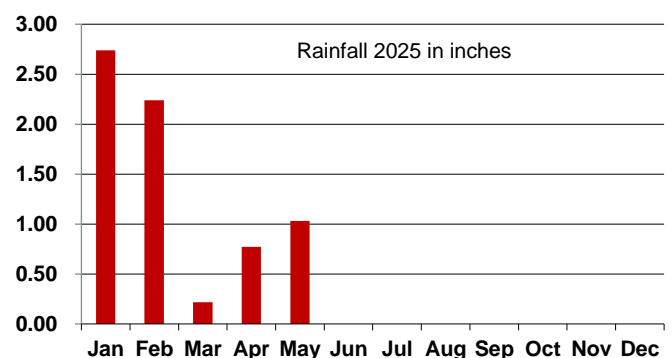
This year to date there has been 7.00" (177.8 mm) of rain. For the same period in 2024 there were 11.45" (290.83mm) so quite a difference.

So why has that happened? Yes you have guessed correctly (and felt it). It is, of course, the jet stream which formed to the north of the UK in the shape of the Greek alphabet letter omega. This allowed a ridge of high pressure to centre itself over the top of the UK and allowed winds from the North and East to flow over us for weeks on end, hence the cold winds. In turn all the rain bearing depressions were divided to the north and south of us. Then, of course, the jet stream decided to move southwards and hey presto, something damper.

	2024	2025	Diff Inches	Diff mm
Apr	2.55	0.77	-1.77	-45.03
May	3.25	1.03	-2.22	-56.41
Totals	5.80	1.80		

So, March, April and May totalled just 2.02" (51mm) compared with 7.3" (185.42) in 2024. Now that is a big difference and the rain of the last few days is a saviour!

There doesn't seem to be much rain in the forecast up until the end of the first week in June when I, for one, would welcome another splash.



Richard Tyler

## Sheep Talk...



At long last we have finally had some rain. I'm not sure the ladies fully appreciate it, especially now they have had their woolly jumpers clipped off. At least they all look very clean and white! The grass is already starting to grow, thankfully. The fresh shoots are perfect for the growing lambs, along with the clover which has suddenly burst into life.

Lambing is all done and dusted for another year. How lucky we were with the weather. It was a very successful lambing season with very few assisted births compared with the average year. More likely than not, this is down to the lack of grass growth pre-lambing. Lamb birth weights were lower than usual for the first couple of weeks and smaller lambs always pop out much easier! My smallest lamb born this year tipped



the scales at 1.2kg, a very small triplet lamb. His two brothers weighed in at just over 6kg each. Little fella (as

he was affectionately known) lived in my kitchen for the first two weeks, before successfully moving out to the shed to join the other pet lambs. He has since been weaned and is romping away and at the same size as most of his playmates. A little TLC can go a long way.



I'd like to take the opportunity to thank anyone that has helped return escapee ewes and lambs back to the fields where they belong. As always, the lambs find out they can pop through railings and have some fun time away from mum. Little do they know the havoc that they cause! Especially when mum goes looking for them. Thankfully, once they get hungry, they pop back through to mum for some milk and a lie down. At least most of them are big enough now to prevent them easily escaping...

The ewes are now being moved around the grazing to make way for the Country Fair. We will be doing a sheepdog demonstration again this year. Little do some of the ladies know that they are on the countdown to their five minutes of fame in the show ring. Fingers crossed they behave and put on a good show for everyone spectating (and the shepherdess). I'm sure they will be happy with the amount of pampering they will receive over the show weekend. If anyone has any questions, feel free to come and see me and the dogs for a chat.

Lucy



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## Hub News







The joint Hub & Millennium Green AGM will take place on Wednesday 11<sup>th</sup> June at 7pm in the Hub. There will be drinks and nibbles too!

The Hub Trustees continue to work hard to keep the Hub running smoothly. Thanks go to the fundraising group who organised the Musical Bingo. A great night which raised a fantastic £382 for The Hub funds. The Book and Tabletop sale was not so well supported with buyers. Thanks to all the stall holders and to those who donated books, the Hall was at least full. A smaller profit of £169, but every little helps.

Another plea for your photos for the proposed 3 village calendar. See p 4. Also, future dates for your diary: 15<sup>th</sup> November. **Race Night**. Please let us know if you would be willing to sponsor a race. Dare I say it, the **3 Village Christmas Meal** is booked for 14<sup>th</sup> December. Brunch is taking a well-earned break, mainly due to Hall bookings and Trustee holidays. We will be back on 27<sup>th</sup> September.



Finally, an ongoing plea for new Trustees. We are now working with a team of four so it would be great to have some new faces! See you all at the AGM.

*The Hub Trustees*



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## 3VYP Committee



We are coming to the end of the academic year and have just a few sessions left. Whilst we are full this year, we do have spaces available for September 2025 so please get in touch if you would like to register your child for Kids or Youth Club.

Our Baby & Toddler club has ongoing spaces. This takes place at Bramfield Village Hall weekly on Friday mornings. Just come along!

### An update from the 3VYP Committee

At the end of the school year, following the last session for all groups on 4<sup>th</sup> July, Charlie will be stepping down as both committee chair and session lead. Charlie's teaching commitments at university have increased for the upcoming academic year and she is no longer able to commit the time required to 3VYP.

Whilst 3VYP has a thriving group of volunteers, with five new session helpers for the upcoming academic year, this does leave vacancies on the committee. If you could donate a small amount of time to our organisation, be that administrative or to help with the behind the scenes work that goes into planning and running our groups, then we would love to hear from you. We meet just once every half term and you don't have to help out at sessions to sit on the committee. We would be especially keen to hear from anyone in the community with youth outreach, pastoral or teaching experience. Charlie would especially like to encourage Huntingfield residents to come forward to ensure village representation.

She would like to thank all of the 3VYP families, parents and young people who have helped build a rewarding and successful provision for children and young people. For any enquiries or responses please email: [threevillagesyouthproject@outlook.com](mailto:threevillagesyouthproject@outlook.com) and a member of the committee will be in touch as soon as possible.

## David's Column



It was a pleasure to see so many people at the Annual Parish Meeting last week. Hearing the annual reports of the many clubs and societies made me proud to be part of this amazing village.

For those of you who did not attend here is a brief summary of my Parish Council annual report.

Income from the Community Infrastructure Levy on the developments by Wilderness Reserve has now exceeded £40,000. To date we have spent about £5,000 on various small projects; we have installed a bike repair station which stands proudly in front of The Hub; we have an additional storage shed for The Hub and another for The Millennium Green. Projects that are currently under consideration are village gateways, improving the drainage at the top of Brick Kiln Lane and a shelter for children waiting for school transport.

On the subject of new acquisitions, we also obtained a new wheeled strimmer for The Millennium Green courtesy of an ECB grant.

A community emergency plan is finally in place, thanks mainly to Julie Collett. I spent some time investigating the feasibility of getting a mobile phone mast installed in the church tower. Unfortunately, we don't have the population size within the village to justify the investment.

Considerable time was also spent this last year on dealing with various planning applications submitted by Wilderness Reserve and others.

We have had a lot of contact with Anglia Water and SCC Highways Dept. regarding flooding in the centre of the village and various pothole problems. At present we seem to be on top of the pothole situation and have established a good contact within Highways concerning the drain on the corner of Laundry Lane. We agreed to support The Hub with a £500 donation and I am pleased that we could do so without increasing the annual Precept, which meant there was no increase to our Council Tax contribution.

During the year we lost a long-term servant when Julie Collet stepped down after many (many!) years of service in various guises. Thank you, Julie for everything you have done over the years. We are happy to have welcomed Sally Kline onto the PC. We still have vacancies on the Parish Council, so if anyone is interested in getting involved please let us know.

And finally, a bit of promotion. As you will read elsewhere in The Hare, on Saturday 23<sup>rd</sup> August we are holding Hubfest, the first of an annual one-day festival to raise money for The Hub. We have six local bands signed up, street food, real ales and stalls. Please put the date in your diaries. We are, of course, looking for volunteers. If you would love to help, please let us know.

*David Blackmore  
Chair, Huntingfield Parish Council*



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## History Corner: The Story of a Country Beer House, The Wheatsheaf, Ubbeston



*The Wheatsheaf c1955 by kind permission of Mike King*

The only known beer house in Ubbeston apparently started life in one of the two parish cottages on the opposite side of the B1117 to the present-day houses: Wheatsheaf and Wheatsheaf Cottage. We can find references back as far as the beginning of the 19<sup>th</sup> century to a beer house in one of the parish cottages, possibly called The Trowel and Hammer. By 1844 it had become The Wheatsheaf and sold spirits for a time as well as beer. The local name for the establishment was The Shuff, rhyming with 'woof'. Evidence points to it having moved across the road probably in the 1880s. It continued to be known as The Wheatsheaf and remained as a beer house till closure in 1960.

Along with many other local pubs and beer houses The Wheatsheaf has a checkered history. The original premises were managed by the church wardens, who recorded that the parish had repaired damages to the building after 14 years' lease as a beer house and newspaper reports point to some undesirable behaviour. The Wheatsheaf Inn was described in 1855 in The Suffolk Chronicle as 'an excellent free roadside Public House and Blacksmith's Shop attached, now in full trade with a Brewing Plant complete, and every convenience to carry on a profitable trade'. Then it was reported in The Halesworth Times and The East Suffolk Advertiser in 1858 as having its license renewal refused because of misconduct on the part of the applicant, John Knott. The complaint was from the churchwarden, Mr George, objecting to the 'immorality' of the landlord and also that 'such public house was not needed in the parish'. The vicar, Rev R James, added that the landlord was an adulterer, who allowed drunkenness in the pub on Sunday. In 1861, three years later, The Suffolk Chronicle wrote that John Knott of Ubbeston, 'beer house keeper', was in trouble once again. He was fined £50 for having in his 'cellar, duly entered for the keeping and storing of beer, quantities of spirits...' It would seem the church officers became anxious about the church's association with drinking and misbehaviour so The Wheatsheaf was moved to its new premises across the road. The old premises became a lecture room and the vicar in 1882 was reported as trying to inaugurate a village club 'in the hope of promoting the

moral and social improvements of the working men and youths of the parish. The various articles purchased for the innocent amusement of the members were exhibited – dominoes, draughts, solitaire, mosaic puzzles etc., together with some newspapers'. By 1888 there was a temperance meeting and the 'somewhat small lecture-room of the parish was crowded with an audience of villagers to hear addresses on temperance.. [with] an interval of ten minutes for fruit'.

Meanwhile across the road in 1883, Framlingham Weekly News reported that 'A most beneficial alteration has been made in connection with the postal service in this parish. Hitherto the letters have been left at the Wheat Sheaf beerhouse, which was considered by some of the parishioners to be a most unfit place to have their valuables deposited'.

And troubles continued. In 1895 EADT reported from the Halesworth Petty Sessional Division, Court House, Halesworth, that there had been complaints about 'the conduct of the Wheatsheaf Beerhouse at Ubbeston'.

At the time of the Beer House's closure in 1960 The Suffolk Chronicle & Mercury spoke of its quiet end: 'At one time the Wheatsheaf had a darts club, but this is a thing of the past. Now the house has been closed to the public for the last time. The end was quiet. The last opening was on Sunday evening, but there was little stock to clear, for the greater part had been sold on Saturday night.' Or in the words of the last publicans' grandson, Mike King, 'The pub was drank dry by the locals'.

*Lynne Ward, Laxfield & District Museum.*

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## Nature Notes

The recent weather has been really dry and warm which we have all enjoyed but these warm temperatures really suit some special inhabitants of the Huntingfield churchyard.



The variety of habitats, long grass, short mown paths and stone monuments are ideal for two species of reptile that live

there. These are the Grass Snake and Slow Worm (pictured) which both use the gravestones that have been warmed by the sun to bask on and raise their body temperature. I have been surveying the churchyard and have found both species, with especially good numbers of Slow Worms.

Whilst the Grass Snake is a true snake the Slow Worm is, in fact, a legless lizard. The Grass Snake is green in colour with a pale collar. Reaching up to a metre in length, it can live for about twenty years.

Slow Worms are generally brown in colour (although this can be light or dark) and measure 30-40 cm in length, with adult females sometimes reaching 50cm. They are one of the longest-lived lizards in the world: a captive one in a zoo lived for 54 years!

Both species are predators: as Slow Worms are smaller most of their diet is invertebrates such as slugs, snails and earthworms. Grass Snakes preferred prey are amphibians, including frogs and newts but they will catch by surprise voles, mice and even small birds.

They are both non-venomous so will not bite humans. It's great that they are both thriving in our church yard. These recordings show that site management, including leaving some areas uncut, is of huge benefit for wildlife, especially in the case of the UK threatened Slow Worm. Well done Brian and David!



I recently noticed hundreds, if not thousands, of strange worm-like formations on a telegraph pole in Huntingfield (see pic). Initially, I thought they were splinters but on feeling them they were soft and actually wriggled slightly. I haven't ever noted anything like them. On using the

Obsidentify App I found that they were the larvae of a moth called, rather strangely, the Ramshorn Bagworm.

The larvae feed on lichens growing on tree bark, stone or wooden structures and live in a bag woven by them from their silk. This picks up the green lichen which acts as camouflage and hence defends the larvae from predators.

They are quite rare in Suffolk but probably go unnoticed and, most likely, are under-recorded. The moth itself is quite small and brown, unlike some of the other moths that are flying at night in our gardens



at the moment. A recent moth trapping session on the Huntingfield Millennium Green, with my friend and moth expert Matthew (aka Mothew!), revealed four different

species of Hawkmoth, amongst a wide variety of species. These included the stunning Eyed Hawkmoth which, if a potential predator comes close, suddenly open their wings revealing the large eye-like markings. These, hopefully, surprise and scare the predator away saving the moth to fly for another night!

Reed Warblers and a Cuckoo have been singing constantly from Reed beds around the Heveningham Estate lakes. It's good to know that they have made it back from West Africa. At the weekend I had a very rare sighting, an adult Bittern. It flew along the Hall lake and landed in the recently established reed bed at Valley Farm. It was most likely on a fishing trip from Minsmere and just proves the benefit of establishing new habitats for wildlife. Hopefully if these local reed beds can expand, we may well be able to hear a Bittern booming close to home.



Tony Howe, 01986 785429

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## St Margaret's Church, Heveningham with Ubbeston

It's hard to believe that we are nearly in June, as I sit down to write this. I'm not sure if it's just a sign of getting older, but the months do seem to fly by now.

I feel that we have probably been a bit quieter in the church and Heveningham this year, although we have been busy backstage, as it were, with paperwork and planning. We recently held our AGPM and all our current members have elected to stay on the PCC. I will continue as Church Warden and I'm delighted to introduce Sara Lister, who will be joining me. It was good to hear that last year was successful, with healthy contributions from our fundraising events. I would like to thank everyone who has supported us and taken part, because, without you, we couldn't make this happen. My aim has always been to bring a sense of community back to the village and use the Church as our village hub, as well as our place of worship.

Although we do not have many fundraising events planned so far this year, we are always thinking of new ideas. On our last coffee morning we had the chance to talk to Janet Pleasance about life in Heveningham, back in the day. It was fascinating to hear about the village and the shops that used to be there. This inspired an idea to hold an exhibition in the church on the past history of Heveningham and Ubbeston. If possible, I would like to put this together to coincide with the Ride and Stride in September. If anyone has anything they would like to include, please do get in touch. Everything lent to us will be well cared for and returned. Another topic discussed at the coffee morning, as we were enjoying the sunshine, was to look at getting some picnic benches in the Glebe so that visitors can enjoy our open space. We will be looking into this but would also be happy to have some memorial benches placed.

We are also delighted to hear that we have secured a grant from the Heveningham Country Fair Trust Fund which will enable us to start on some of our more immediate repairs to help maintain the church and make it watertight. We are extremely thankful to the trust for this generous grant and hope to get moving quickly on the work needed.

With the Country Fair in mind, we are helping Simon with the collection of gifts for the Fair tombola. There is a box in the church where you can leave your donations, they will be collected every day. I think there is still time to submit gifts, so if you have any unwanted presents, please either drop them into the church or contact me and we can arrange a collection.

### The Bells are ringing

I have arranged a couple of bell ringing sessions to be held at Heveningham. On 29<sup>th</sup> July 7.30 - 9pm our local bell ringers will be holding a practice session and on 30<sup>th</sup> July from 9am we are delighted to welcome some guest bell ringers who are completing a tour of Suffolk and have asked to ring at St Margaret's. You are welcome to come along to spectate on the 30<sup>th</sup> but, unfortunately, you will not be able to take part. However, if you fancy trying handbell ringing, then the St Mary's Handbell ringers will be joining us again in August. Refreshments are available at both events. I hope that this does not cause too much disruption to anyone and you will delight in the sound of the bells as much as I do.

### Dates for your diary

**8<sup>th</sup> June, 6pm.** Choral Evensong

**13<sup>th</sup> July, 10am.** Traditional Communion

**10<sup>th</sup> August, 10am.** Pet Service - This was a success last year, so I hope you come along with your best friends and join us. All animals are welcome.

**14<sup>th</sup> August.** St Mary's Handbell Ringers (date tbc)

Thank you again for all your support.

Please come and visit anytime. With thanks

*Jeanette*



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## Your Parish Council

### Ubbeston Parish Council



The Annual Parish Meeting and the Annual Meeting of the Parish Council took place on Monday 12<sup>th</sup> May. Draft minutes of the meetings will be available to view on the Parish Council website along with the end of year finance information for 2024/2025 and the latest District and County Councillors full

reports. Cllr Carl Walker was elected as Chair for a further year with Cllr Allan Pike being elected as Vice-Chair. The dates of Notice of Public Rights have been set for Tuesday 3<sup>rd</sup> June to Monday 14<sup>th</sup> July inclusive.

The Parish Council have been in contact with the ANPR officer at Suffolk County Council regarding data received from the deployment of the ANPR camera in Ubbeston. Warning letters are sent out along with police visits to those drivers exceeding certain speeds. Data is also shared with the Safecam team at Suffolk Constabulary.

The Council have agreed to donate £50 to a local charity 'Brave Futures' in support of the important work that they do and the community services that they are able to offer.

The Ubbeston Parish Council website is regularly updated so please do look out for the latest information at: [UBBESTON.ONESUFFOLK.NET](http://UBBESTON.ONESUFFOLK.NET).

The next meeting of the Parish Council is due to take place on Monday 14<sup>th</sup> July 2025 at 7pm in The Hub at Huntingfield.

All residents are welcome to attend.

Angela Colbridge, [ubbestonclerk@gmail.com](mailto:ubbestonclerk@gmail.com)

### Heveningham Parish Council



The Annual Parish Meeting and the Annual Meeting of the Parish Council took place on Wednesday 21<sup>st</sup>

May. Draft minutes of the meetings will be available to view on the Parish Council website along with the end of year finance information for 2024/2025 and the latest District and County Councillors full reports.

Cllr Sam Fairs was elected as Chair for a further year with Cllr Sophie Morphe being elected as Vice-Chair. The dates of Notice of Public Rights have been set for Tuesday 3<sup>rd</sup> June to Monday 14<sup>th</sup> July inclusive.

The Parish Council has been busy over recent months with local planning applications and ensuring that the village and residents views are represented.

Following the resignations of two parish councillors, Cllr Mercedes Gladwell and Cllr Clare Fairs, the casual vacancies can now be filled by co-option by the Parish Council. This will be on the agenda for the July meeting. The Parish Council thanks Mercedes and Clare for all of the time and support they have given to both the Parish Council and the village during their time on the council.

The Heveningham Parish Council website is regularly updated so please do look out for the latest information at: [HEVENINGHAM.ONESUFFOLK.NET](http://HEVENINGHAM.ONESUFFOLK.NET)

The next meeting of the Parish Council is due to take place on Wednesday 16<sup>th</sup> 2025 at 7pm in The Hub at Huntingfield.

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## June

7<sup>th</sup> The Lowestoft Longshoremen, p 4  
8<sup>th</sup> Underdog, The Arms, p 8  
10<sup>th</sup> Mobile Library, p 7  
11<sup>th</sup> Joint AGM, Hub and Millennium Green, p 10  
15<sup>th</sup> Table 9, The Arms, p 8  
22<sup>nd</sup> Black Deek Band, The Arms, p 8  
28<sup>th</sup> & 29<sup>th</sup> Heveningham Hall Country Fair  
22<sup>nd</sup> Ambassador of rock n'roll, The Arms, p 8

## July

6<sup>th</sup> Alex Asher, The Arms, p 8  
8<sup>th</sup> Mobile Library, p 7  
9<sup>th</sup> Huntingfield PC Meeting, The Hub, 7pm  
14<sup>th</sup> Ubbeston PC Meeting, The Hub, 7pm  
16<sup>st</sup> Heveningham PC Meeting, The Hub, 7pm

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Orchid Fitness Pilates Thursday a.m. (see advert on p 6)  
Pilates Body Harmony Monday 6-7pm & Friday 6-6.45pm, The Hub (see advert on p 12)  
Yoga Tuesday, 6.30-7.30pm, £7 per class. (Contact Hayley 07776 184943)  
Tai Chi Monday, 2-3pm (contact Cindy Engel, [cindywildhealth@gmail.com](mailto:cindywildhealth@gmail.com))  
Zumba Every Thursday, 11am-noon, £7 per PAYG session (see advert on page 7)  
Relaxation Class with SarahLou Third Monday of the month, £15 pay as you go. £50 for the 4 sessions

## Upcoming Events

23<sup>rd</sup> August, Hubfest, p 7  
27<sup>th</sup> September, Brunch is Back  
15<sup>th</sup> November, Race Night, The Hub  
14<sup>th</sup> December, 3 Villages Christmas Supper

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