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Hubfest



We hope you've all got your party gear ready for the second Hubfest, Huntingfield's very own music festival. Full details of what will be happening on the day, the fabulous music lineup etc can be found on p 7.



However, the party will never get started without help from the community. If you would be willing to volunteer with any part of the event, be it setting up, selling tickets or stewarding on the day, or even clearing up afterwards we can offer you a half price ticket! Please contact David Blackmore on 07540 484717.



Weather report: April – May 2026

The last day of meteorological spring and I was hoping for a little rain to swell last and this month's rain totals, but nothing yet.

So, in summary there hasn't been much to the extent that it's become very worrying for farmers and gardeners alike. March too was also quite dry with just .70" (17.88 mm), April .27" (6.91 mm) and May 1.13" (28.66 mm) so a total of 2.1" (53.45 mm) for the three months. The total for the year to date is actually 9.05" (229.78mm) compared with the same period in 2025 6.74" (171.2 mm) which, I'm sure you will agree, is quite surprising.

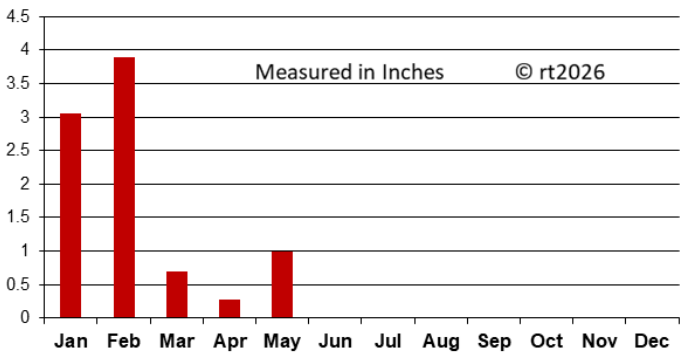


It's the lack of rainfall over the last three months combined with the heat that has caused a potential problem. The increased heat over

the last three weeks mixed with the wind means it's not looking good. For instance, my onion sets planted this spring have already started to bolt. This seems to be a continuing trend over the last few years when

some vegetables on our light soil are struggling to produce a decent crop.

This recent dry spell seems to have, once again, been caused by "blocking" ridges of high pressure which in turn stops the Atlantic weather fronts bringing us rain. Even if these rain bearing fronts do reach us here in the east, they tend to fizzle out, then increase in intensity as they progress across the North Sea and dumps copious amounts of water on North Eastern France and the Benelux countries as has happened over the last 3 days of this month. Suffice to say thundery rain is forecast for this region over the next week, so we shall see, or



not, as the case may be.

Richard Tyler

A new Doctor!

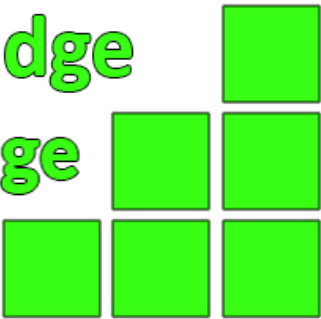


Doctor Francesca Morelli, born and raised in Huntingfield, has been admitted as a Member of the Royal College of Physicians. She is a Medical

Registrar and is about to commence training to become a Consultant Geriatrician. She is pictured here at the Graduation with her parents and partner, Izzie Dighero, who is a Urology Surgical Registrar also in training to become a Urology Consultant Surgeon. Francesca graduated as a Doctor from Birmingham University and also obtained a first class intercalated degree in Medical Humanities from Imperial College London.

She attended Edgar Sewter Infant and Primary School, Mercedes-Benz International School in Pune, India for 2 years, then returned to Halesworth Middle School. She won an academic scholarship to The Royal Hospital School Holbrook where she took her GCSE's and A Levels.

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Sheep Talk...

Lambing season has almost drawn to a close. As always, there seems to be a few late arrivals who have waited for the sun to shine before popping into the world. This lambing season has been exceptional in more ways than one. The temperature and weather have been very kind to the new-born lambs. There were very few hyperthermic cases to treat and the lambs were literally hitting the ground running. This has resulted in very low mortality rates at birth. In the 13 lambing seasons I have had here at Heveningham, this one has been the least stressful that I've experienced. I can only cross my fingers and toes that next season will be as kind.



There has recently been new life here at the farm too. My youngest dog, Jet, has had a wonderful litter of pups. They arrived two days early and took 12 hours to all be delivered safely. There are six girls and one boy. I will be keeping one pup to become a new member of my team. She should be tri-coloured, the same as her mum and grandad. Their eyes are just opening for them to see the world and In just another 6 weeks, my little pup will be introduced to some very quiet sheep that have been used for training. This will help grow the pup's confidence around sheep before she starts training properly.



Although the sunshine and warm weather has been a joy, the ladies have not been enjoying the recent heat. They spend all day hiding in the shade, getting annoyed with all the flies!

This week they will

get some relief as the shearing gang are booked to come and give them their summer trim. The ladies will

appreciate the procedure, once it is done. The lambs will keep their wool on until later in the summer, although they have had an application of fly control over their backs and their bottoms. This should prevent flies laying eggs in the warm wool and causing fly strike (maggots). This is something which can very quickly escalate, especially in warm weather. It can cause severe pain and distress and, left untreated, it can lead to the death of the affected animal.

The grazing is desperate for some good rain. If these conditions continue, the ewes and lambs will have supplementary feed. This consists of liquid molasses (which they absolutely love) and sheep pellets for the lambs via a creep feeder. Several of the small ponds have started to dry up and I am now putting water feeders out for safety. The lambs easily get bogged down in the sticky mud whilst trying to reach the water. There are a few lambs wandering around that are half clean and half covered in mud. Hopefully a good downpour of rain will help to both top up the ponds and wash off some dirty lambs.



It's not long to go until the Heveningham Country Fair. I will be there with some of the ladies and my team for the sheepdog demonstration. Please feel free to come over for a chat or ask any questions that you may have. I look forward to seeing you all there.

Lucy



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The Huntingfield Millennium Green third annual plant sale



The third Millennium Green plant sale took place on Sunday 17th May. Wet and windy

Gardening Society said that he was "*blown away by the standard of our plants*", what a wonderful event it was (eclipsing Halesworth's own) and that Huntingfield should be proud of what it had achieved.



In terms of fund raising for the Millennium Green, the event was a greater success than last year with takings

weather was forecast so the main question was whether we would need to hold the plant sale inside the Hub this year to avoid getting soaked. On Thursday 14th May the decision had been taken - we were definitely holding it inside - alternative plans were made accordingly. Come Saturday morning we decided that we would "risk" holding it outside after all! Thankfully the weather gods were kind and we could replicate pretty much what we had done the year before...with the addition of a couple of gazebos, just in case. We had made a concerted effort to provide even more established perennials this year (which meant more potting up and watering in advance) and more back up stock (again, all locally cultivated).

The day was, thanks to everyone's great support, a resounding success. As was the case last year, there was quite a rush in the first hour or so, although with our additional stock we were still able to supply later arrivals. The refreshments proved very popular and, once again, we had some very good feedback - particularly from those outside the village who were experiencing the plant sale for the first time. Amongst the comments, the ex-chair of the Halesworth

up by some 20%, coming in at a little over £2,400. This means that, once again, the plant sale will effectively cover the Millennium Green's main running costs for the next 12 months despite ever-increasing charges by the council for grass cutting as well as general maintenance and insurance. Having said that, the real evidence of a successful event was seeing lots of people from far afield enjoying themselves and leaving with a smile on their faces, as well as lots of plants!

Many thanks to our wonderful team of volunteers and to all those who contributed to the event both in advance and on the day itself, including the various plant and cake donors. We are already starting to plan for next year's event in terms of what plants we want to add to the stock so please keep leaving any unwanted plant pots at the collection point in The Hub car park.

*With thanks on behalf of the
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The monthly mobile library stops at Huntingfield Hub on Tuesdays at 15.00-15.20. Upcoming dates are 9th June and 7th July. Details

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Arms Events

Firstly, a big thank you to everyone who called in to wish us well and help celebrate our 20 years at the Huntingfield Arms on 22nd May. We arrived with a five-year plan that seems to have grown, along with the two girls that were a mere twinkle in the eye at that point in time. So, thank you to our customers, old and new, for your support over the last two decades. Also, many thanks to Nina for the wonderful cake!



As with the global trend, the summers have definitely got longer and warmer during our time here. It's lovely to see people able to drink and dine alfresco at this time of year. Our May Paella Night was so successful that we

are repeating the event on 12th August so come along and join us for the ultimate sunshine food. Equally, our Steak & Seafood BBQ is fully booked but please ask as we do have occasional cancellations. Please do remember to book as these events fill up very fast.

Our Summer Sunday music continues through the summer although we will be taking a bit of a break during July. However, the pub will still be open, just minus the food! Ask to join our weekly email list if you want to stay informed.

The current music list is below so put the dates in your diaries and come and support your favourite local musicians.



June:	7 th	The Anyones
	14 th	Grace Brothers
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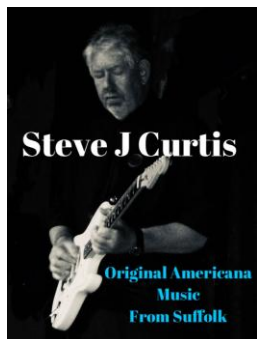


Let's hope that the Saturday 1st August is firmly engraved in your minds or on your calendar. This is an annual event not to be missed. It will sneak up upon us before we know it. Bigger and better than before, Hubfest is the

Glastonbury of Huntingfield but without the mud and in the absence of a cowshed.

We are so fortunate to have some amazing bands and artists lined up. We have a mix of genres for even the most discerning music taste. Starting off and opening the event at 1.00pm will be the hugely talented **Matt and Jon**, playing an acoustic mix of well-known covers, with their duelling guitars and haunting harmonies. Arrive as early as you can, so not to miss one of the best performances of the day.

From 2.25pm to 2.45pm the **Halesworth Ukuleles** will be performing those toe tapping rhythms. In bright Hawaiian shirts and demeanour to match they will play a set of popular and well known songs, accompanied by Chris Turner on bass and Andrew Hyde on lead electric ukelele.



At 2.45pm we are lucky to have the exceptional talent of **Steve J Curtis**, a local professional singer songwriter, playing a mix of blues, country and Americana.

Joining us all the way from down south, at 3.45pm we have a four piece band comprising of double bass, guitar, violin and vocals

playing an eclectic mix of 'twisted' folk, along with a bit of country and pop.

The **Blyth River Blues Band** will treat us to a set of rhythmic classic blues at 4.30pm.

At 6.15pm the **Zig Zag Box Cars**, a four piece band, of drums, rhythm and bass guitar and vocals, will play well known 60s, 70s and maybe some 80s, popular covers. A recently formed band (in the last two years) and going from strength to strength.



At 8.00pm our headlining and final band, **The Annex** who burst out of nowhere in 2024 to take East Anglia's previously undiscovered electro-art rock scene by storm. With pumping bass riffs by Richard Bassett and Ju

Brooks welded to hypnotic beats, vocalist/lyricist Ben Sharratt nails the melodrama and jeopardy of Halesworth market town life.

In addition, we have a number of food stalls catering for all preferences and tastes, along with craft and similar stalls. Of course, the Huntingfield Arms will be providing a bar.

The event runs from 1.00pm to 9.00pm. Tickets can be obtained at a discounted price of £9 from the Huntingfield Arms in advance or £10 on the gate. There will be free parking courtesy of Heveningham Hall.

The Hubfest team: David, Peter and Jeannette

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Edward's Column

As David Blackmore has retired as the chair of the Parish Council the responsibility for writing this column has fallen to myself, as acting Chair. I would like to thank David for his time on, and leadership of the PC. We have seen some challenging times and David's calm, thoughtful approach has seen us through.

On the 13th May we held the annual parish meeting, the parish council AGM, and May's parish council meeting. The meeting was attended by our new County Councillor, Annette Dunning, our District County Councillor, Julia Ewart and six residents. For the annual parish meeting there were reports from the Parish Council, District and County Councillors, our local MP, The Hub Trustees, Parochial Church Council, The Millennium Green Trustees, Huntingfield Town Estates Charity and the Pétanque Club. I would like to thank everyone who took the time to write a report.

During the public forum the foul smell from the sewers was, yet again, raised as an issue and It was agreed that the PC should write to Anglian Water.

For the PC AGM I took on the role of Acting Chair for the interim following David Blackmore's resignation. It was agreed that the PC meetings would continue to be held bimonthly. As well as routine matters the PC meeting covered two planning applications for Wilderness reserve:

1. A no through traffic sign for Laundry Lane.
2. A Finger Sign to go on Halesworth Road (Heveningham) and controlled gates for the entrance at the top of Brick Kiln Lane.

The PC agreed to support both applications with a request that the gate at the top of Brick Kiln Lane was an open design to allow preservation of the view.

We had a further CIL instalment and It was agreed to purchase an updated system for the Hub to support people with hearing impairment. This will be used at meetings as well as performances. It was also agreed to obtain quotes for improving the access at the top of the Millennium Green steps. Other suggestions were a memorial garden (arboretum/wildflower area) on the Millennium Green, a wheelchair track and an outdoor gym. Any feedback on these ideas would be very welcome.

The next meeting is on Wednesday 8th July at 7:00pm. All the reports and minutes are available to read at: www.huntingfieldparishcouncil.gov.uk.

As a council we currently have vacancies for three councillors. The role of the Parish Council continues to play an important part in the life of the village, from responsibility for the village community assets, input into local planning decisions, setting the precept and deciding how to use the CIL monies as a few examples. With the re-organisation of government at a county level, we are the one constant in the current climate.

So if you are the slightest bit interested in making a contribution to village life or can add value to what we do please speak to myself, Emma, Sally or John - we would love to have you on board.

Edward Watson, Acting Chair, Huntingfield PC



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Hub News



The first bit of news is that The Hub will be purchasing an Auracast conferencing system for use at events. This will solve the audibility problem, particularly for those who use hearing aids. Microphones will

be used to pick up speech and broadcast it to multiple users simultaneously, and in the fullness of time, direct to hearing aids. For hearing aids that don't pick up the system you can use one of the 10 Auracast receivers and listen via earbuds or headphones. This will hugely benefit those who are hard of hearing.



Carpet Bowls: This is now a regular event on alternate Tuesdays, 7-8.45pm. It's not difficult to learn and great fun to take part. Open to all, just turn up. The next session will take place on 2nd June and fortnightly thereafter.

Facilities for the Millennium Green: The extension of power, water and wi-fi from the Hub up to the Millennium Green is now complete. This has been a huge project and will benefit events on the Millennium Green such as Hubfest.

Brunch: Due to weekend bookings, brunch has now been suspended until the autumn and will recommence on Saturday 26th September.



10 years of the Hub:

This year marks the 10th anniversary of the opening of the Hub. Huge credit has to go to all the hard-working souls who made it happen in the first place. Hats off to you, it is thriving today and

operates as a community centrepiece.

Please see the back page for a list of classes and regular events on at the Hub.

The Hub Trustees. (4 Js and Alan)

Hundred Club



Many thanks to all subscribers, old and new, for their £12 per entry. Your support has raised a valuable £600 to help with the upkeep and maintenance of our Millennium Green, Wildflower Meadow, Community Orchard

and recreation ground.

March

1st Sally Dew
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Nature Notes



At the time of writing the UK has experienced an exceptionally hot spell of weather for this time of the year. On 26th May a new British record

high temperature for May of 35.1C was recorded at Kew Gardens. This is over two degrees higher than the previous record and experts agree that this is further evidence of climate change. So, whilst we might well be enjoying this current warm spell, it does highlight the fact that the more southerly regions of the globe could become overheated and suffer more severe droughts.

In the natural world hotter summers can lead to loss of wetland habitat, wildflowers and trees having shorter flowering periods leading to less feeding for pollinators and thus less fruit in the autumn.

So birds, insects and other wildlife are adapting to a new climate with some southern European species now establishing further north. It is predicted that by the end of the century most European birds will have moved their range on average by 550km North East. We already have species such as Little Egrets, once a rare migrant, now a common breeding resident. It is now seen regularly around local wetlands and quite often along the river in Huntingfield and the Heveningham Estate lakes.

Insects are also following this trend with several moth species that were once considered migrants from Europe now breeding in Suffolk. These include Dewicks Plusia, Clancys Rustic, Oak Rustic and the spectacular Clifden Nonpareil.



An example of just how quickly these changes have happened is the Oak Rustic: the first ever

UK report was in 1999 and when, it was still a rare vagrant, the first Suffolk individual was found at Henham in 2018. Since then records have come from right across the county and breeding has definitely been confirmed with caterpillars being found in Holm Oak at Bawdsey in 2018.

Other insects that have followed this trend include dragonflies. Species that bred in southern counties, such as the Emperor, are now breeding as far north as Scotland. The Willow Emerald (first recorded in Britain in 2007) is another recent colonist to the UK and Suffolk is now a stronghold for this species.



Generally warmer temperatures benefit dragonflies and damselflies UK populations are on the up and local ponds and riversides often have clouds of these insects hovering above them. The larvae of these species spend up to five years living underwater in various wetlands. They emerge from the water in the spring and summer, climb up waterside vegetation to dry out and fly off as adults. The adults then mate and lay eggs back in water bodies and the cycle begins again.



One of my favourite birds, the summer visiting Swift, is back in local towns and villages. Their loud screaming calls are a real sound of summer right across Europe and at the moment climate change doesn't appear to have any

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History Corner: Laxfield Market celebrating 800 years

It would be surprising if our parishes local to Laxfield didn't use the market there. It is most probable there was some kind of unofficial market in Laxfield before the 1200s but the 13th century saw the development of official chartered markets granted by the monarch to a lord of a manor and are, therefore, recorded.

Laxfield had two main manors: Laxfield Rectory and the Manor of Laxfield. However, it was the lord of a smaller manor, who was given a grant on 23rd February 1226 by Henry III pictured here at his second coronation. The king had not yet come of age, although having succeeded his father, King John, at the age of 9. This meant he was under a regent and didn't yet have the power to grant permanent market charters.



A grant for a Saturday market was given to Richard Swinethorp of Studhaugh Manor '*To be held at the manor until the king came of age*'. This suggests that the market took place on the manorial lands of Laxfield's smallest manor, which had been, according to Canon Marchant, occupying the north corner of the parish. However, the location of the market in 1226 is not definite. Later records show that the marketplace

was in the vicinity of present-day Market Street near the Kings Head (Low House). From the MA thesis of James Fisk* we learn Richard de Swynesthorpe, who was granted the market for a year in 1226, was most probably the son of Henry de Swynesthorpe. Henry had been given the town of Laxfield in 1210, so it's possible that the market was in the village. King Henry was able to grant full market charters the following year, 1227, and places like Stradbroke had an official market. Laxfield does not appear to have obtained that status, maybe because of the cost. That does not mean that there was no market.

James' research* affirms there is no evidence that the market was given a further charter at the time but apparently in the Hundred Rolls 1274-5, John de Swynesthorpe, who was probably Richard de Swynesthorpe's grandson, had a market but no one knew of a warrant to allow it! In 1472 a New Market Charter for Fridays was granted on 12th November by King Edward IV to Sir John Wingfield '*to be held at the town*'.

Lynne Ward

* *The lordship, structure and evolution of the manor of Laxfield, Suffolk, 1066 to 1410* (UEA June 2022)

Laxfield & District Museum is supporting the weekend of market celebrations 6th and 7th June. We are open from 10-4 each day and there are displays with more information about the market and shops and trades. David Steadman will be in the museum with his displays of local finds.



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Last year you were all very generous with your donations of cakes and I am asking once again for your support. Cakes, lots of cakes and all sorts. Please bring them to the Millennium Green on the morning of the 1st August if possible. Also, we need help running the cafe. If anyone fancies a stint helping out, or if you have any queries, please contact me.

Many thanks as always for your support.

Julie Collett (juliecollett38@gmail.com)

St Margaret's Church, Heveningham with Ubbeston

Over the past few weeks, I've been thinking a lot about fundraising and how we can continue to build on events we already offer. Over the past couple of years our events have been very well supported and some of our favourites will certainly be staying. However, I am always open to trying something new and sometimes a fresh new look can work wonders.

I would really love to hear suggestions from residents of both villages about the kind of events you would enjoy, either in the church or on the Glebe. I feel it would be lovely to hold a couple of larger community gatherings, but I need your ideas and inspiration.

Ubbeston Residents – We Need You!

Recently there has been a change to the Parish Share allocation. It now takes into account the number of residents in both Heveningham and Ubbeston. Unfortunately, this has increased considerably the amount we need to contribute. For this reason, we need to escalate our fundraising efforts to help with the general running costs of the church. It would be wonderful to involve more Ubbeston residents in village and church life.

So, how can you help?

- Advertise or attend our social events
- Attend church services
- Join our 100 Club lottery
- Volunteer to help with flower arranging, cakes and bakes or helping at events
- Receive our monthly newsletter

We are also looking for a secretary to join our PCC which currently comprises solely Heveningham residents. It would be lovely to welcome somebody from Ubbeston, although we happily welcome any offers of help. The PCC usually meet around four times a year and the role would involve taking minutes, keeping us updated with Diocese news and helping with occasional communication such as letters and advertising events. If this is something you may be interested in, please do get in touch and I will be very happy to explain things in more detail.



Dates for your Diary

Services

14th June – Traditional Communion – 10am

12th July – Traditional Communion – 10am

9th August – Pet Service

Events (Further details to follow)

18th July – Cream Teas on the Glebe

15th August – Village Picnic, Pimms and Pétanque at Bell Meadow

26th August – Bat Evening

Thank you, as always, for your continued support.

Jeanette, stmargarechurch11@gmail.com

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Petanque



The summer season is well and truly upon us. We have played three league games and I am pleased to say we have won one, 3-1, and drawn the other two. The first game was played in the freezing cold while the game over the bank holiday weekend was extremely hot and exhausting! We are currently sitting mid-table with a game in hand.

This summer we have entered two triples teams. Both have only played one game so far with the Hares 1 losing 2-0 and Hares 2 managing a draw. Also, within the league there are other competitions happening. I have played a full day of Petanque for the regional qualifiers. Sam is entering the 'World Championships' and both Sam and myself are entered into a memorial competition, with proceeds going to charity.

Julie Collett, Captain

June at Halesworth Library



Did you know that the library can deliver books and audiobooks straight to your door? If you're unable to visit the library, one of our friendly volunteers can come to you. Please contact us on 01986 506062 for more details.

The library hosts regular activities and drop-ins. Come and join us every Tuesday term time 10-11:30 for a free **Rhyme Time & Play session** to sing fun songs followed by free play with our toys. Refreshments also provided for parents! Wednesdays from 10am our **Time Out sociable group** for older people meet for tea and biscuits. The **Knit & Natter** group meet alternate Tuesdays 2:30-4:30pm.

We also have a new **Mah-jong group** that now meet on the first Friday of the month, 2-4pm.

At this early stage, the group is open to experienced players and if you have your own Mah-jong set, please bring it along with you.



Lego Club runs every Saturday 11-12 and **Family Fun Time** every Sunday, 10:30-11:30. You can also drop-in for advice from the East Suffolk Council customer services team every Tuesday 10-4pm and Citizens Advice are here alternate Tuesdays, 10-12pm. Please ask a member of staff for more details.

The Friends of Halesworth Library are inviting you to join us for **Sociable Sundays** on 14th and 28th June, meet new people and enjoy a chat over cake and a cuppa! Pop in anytime between 10:30-12:30pm. Join the Friends for their **Board Games Cafe** on 1st and 29th June 2-4:30pm.

There are plenty of games to choose from, or feel free to bring along your own favourites. Suggested donation of £1 to the Friends who kindly volunteer to run these events. Come and join us for our regular monthly book talk on Thursday 4th June, 7pm. The Friends of Halesworth Library will be hosting Natalie Meg Evans "*Love, Loss and the Blitz: Why I write stories of the Second World War*". Natalie is an award-winning local author. Entry is free but please book a place.

Email thefriendsofhalesworthlibrary@gmail.com or phone the library.

And finally! Would you like to volunteer with us to help deliver our summer reading programme for children? The Reading Quest takes place again this year and we are looking for volunteers! Fill out an application form online: go to the Volunteer with Us section on Suffolk Community Libraries website and click on the link to Volunteer Roles). Don't forget that we will be hosting a range of activities throughout the summer holidays to keep your children entertained – keep an eye out for more details nearer the time both in the library and on our Facebook page too!

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Your Parish Council

Heveningham Parish Council



On Wednesday 20th May 2026, both the Annual Parish Meeting and the Annual Meeting of the Parish

Council took place at the Hub in Huntingfield. Draft minutes from the meetings will be available on the Parish Council website.

Cllr Fairs was re-elected as Chair and Cllr Feeney was elected as Vice Chair. Footpath and tree matters continue to be discussed regularly by the Council. For safety reasons, a decision was made to remove two trees situated adjacent to The Street to ground level. Two replacement trees will be selected for planting during the next planting season. Please forward any suggestions for suitable replacement species to the Clerk for consideration.

The Suffolk Highways Community Liaison Engineer attended a site visit to discuss HGV signage in the area around The Street and potential traffic calming measures for Heveningham Long Lane. Suggestions and quotes will be considered once received.

The next meeting of the Parish Council is due to take place on Wednesday 15th July 2026 in The Hub at Huntingfield, commencing at 7pm. All residents are warmly invited to attend.

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Ubbeston Parish Council



The Annual Parish Meeting and the Annual Meeting of the Parish Council took place on Monday 11th May. Draft minutes of both meetings are available to view on the Parish Council website and notice board.

Cllr Walker was re-elected as Chair to the parish council and Cllr A Pike was re-elected as vice chair. The Parish Council has produced a Village Emergency Plan which is now available to view on the Parish Council website. Anyone who would prefer a paper copy can contact the Clerk to request one.

The PCC of St Margaret's Church in Heveningham, also the parish church for Ubbeston since the closure of St Peter's, warmly invites all residents of Ubbeston to come along to services and social gatherings, join the 100 Club lottery, help with flowers, baking, or events, and sign up for the monthly newsletter. The PCC is also looking for a Secretary and would welcome interest from Ubbeston residents. They would also be delighted to hear any ideas for events or fundraising and opportunities to bring the communities together.

The next meeting of the Parish Council is due to take place on Monday 13th July 2026 at 7pm in The Hub at Huntingfield. All residents are welcome to attend.

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What's on – dates for your diary

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 27th & 28th Heveningham Hall Country Fair, p 1

July

7th Mobile Library, p 5
 8th Huntingfield PC, The Hub, 7pm
 12th Traditional Communion, St Margarets, p 13
 13th Ubbeston PC, The Hub, 7pm
 15th Heveningham PC, The Hub, 7pm
 18th Cream Teas on the Glebe, p 13

Regular events at The Hub

Thursday Club – every Thursday, 2-4pm
 (summer break from 16th July, back 3rd Sept.)
Carpet Bowls – every other Tuesday, 7-9pm,
 2nd, 16th & 30th June 7th and 14th & 28th July
Orchid Fitness Pilates: Thursday a.m.
 (see ad p 14)
Pilates Body Harmony: Monday 6-7pm,
 (see ad p 15)
Tai Chi: Monday, 2-3pm (contact Cindy Engel,
cindywildhealth@gmail.com)
Zumba: Every Thursday, 11am-noon, £7 per
 PAYG session (see ad p 13)
Relaxation Class with SarahLou: 3rd Monday of
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