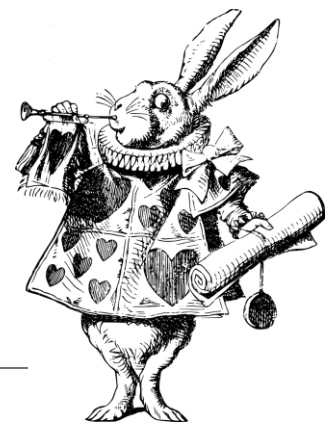


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The Hare is always looking for ideas and articles. Whether this be something relevant to your village or locality, or just something in which you have an interest and would like to share with others, then please contact us. We would welcome your input.



Time to celebrate!

We can't believe that we're putting together dates for the festive season once again. 2022 certainly has flown by and it's been great to see more people emerging to attend the various events in and around the villages. There are dates to add to your calendar for December and January. A full list is on the back page but here's just a taster...

Carols Round the Tree: It's back! Monday 19th December, come along at 6pm for a rousing chorus of your festive favourites. Mince pies and mulled wine in The Hub afterwards and bring along your Christmas cards for local exchange.

Three Villages Christmas Dinner: 4th December at The Hub. For details and booking email enquiries@hub4all.org.

There are two festive musical events at St Mary-the-Virgin, Huntingfield. **The Aurora Consort:** 10th December (p 11) and a **Candlelit Christmas Carol Service,** 16th December (p 7). St Margaret's Church, Heveningham with Ubbeston, is also hosting **Carols by Candlelight** on 11th December at 4pm.

It just remains for us to wish you all the joys of the season and a very happy and healthy 2023. *The Hare Team*



We are here to help

Lately, the world seems to be lurching from one crisis to another. We've experienced a global pandemic, radical changes to how we conduct our daily lives, economic uncertainty, and political and social turmoil. The majority of events are beyond our control but closer to home the local community is here to support and help each other from a practical perspective.

Firstly, the Halesworth Community Larder is a fantastic resource stocking food and staple goods for those who wish to take, bring or just donate. However, the opening times are limited and it has come to light that some are unable to access this great service due to various constraints. A group of people are offering a FREE COURIER SERVICE across all three villages. Further details on p 9. Additionally, you may be aware of the Huntingfield Town Trust which is able to provide financial assistance to individuals and families of the Parish. Further details of this facility are on p 4.

The Hub will be opening their facilities to all three villages as part of the Warm Space initiative starting early December, so please keep an eye out for details.

Please do reach out if you are in need. Your community is here to help.

Be assured that all enquiries are treated in complete confidence.

Notes from the sheep pen..

Hello folks, or should I say baa to you all?

This autumnal period is such a wonderful time, with mild DAMP days, and hasn't the countryside changed colour as the leaves die off for the coming winter. All this set against a beautiful backdrop of green grass which is perfect food for us. You might remember me telling you it will take a long



time for the grass to recover after last summer's drought, well it's making a start!

The team are being very cautious with stocking levels

because they know how quickly the season's move on and there will be another crop of lambs on the ground before you know it!

Our numbers have not changed greatly except a fair proportion of us have been taken elsewhere for the winter, even to Wiltshire and Oxfordshire, wherever they are!! Our coach transport, the big black "Hull's Farm" lorry is very comfortable but, unlike you humans when on your holiday, we stay awake on these exciting journeys. We will return before our lambs are due for Lucy and old floppy hat to do the essential pre lambing preparations.

Everyone is hoping these rural locations will reduce the incidence of dog worrying at such a crucial time. Last year we had a number of incidents, the worst being 26 fatalities by one dog in less than an hour! We don't blame the dog, it's the irresponsible owners who always say "my dog wouldn't do something like that". Well, we know they will: notice that we move away from you people, especially if you have a dog.

We have a group of Romneys grazing in the woods at Heveningham and doing a reasonable job of nibbling the unwanted vegetation, i.e. self-sown saplings, brambles and other plants that smother young trees. They are monitored closely as they can easily get tangled in the briars and their body condition has to be watched so they are in the right state for the rams at tugging time. It's not very palatable so fencing is a major issue as they are constantly trying to escape to pastures greener, I really can't blame them, can you?!

Most of last year's lambs are still growing on here. Due to the lack of rain only 30% of the catch crops (turnips) were planted but they should get onto them by Christmas. This will push marketing back a couple of months but that's another repercussion of the drought that "management" has to deal with.

One of the not so pleasant tasks the team have recently faced is 'crutching out', often referred to as 'dagging'. This

entails clipping the dirty bottoms of the lazy lambs that tend not to lift their tails when going to the loo! Vaccinations are up to speed. However, a group of maidens were vaccinated for foot rot as a precaution and within a couple of days 50% of them went lame, causing much consternation with the manufacturers and our vets. They were bathed to ease their discomfort and recovered over the next 10 days but it was quite a trauma for all concerned.

The boys are in with us and doing their stuff, a lovely exciting time coupled with the run up to Christmas. So, on that note, have a merry one, and see you soon.

Ewe, as in you know who!

...and the cowshed

We do hope you humans are faring well. The boss tells me most have had a dose of your Covid recently, including the team here. It seems to have affected some more than others, but, hey-ho, they are all better now. The last calf was born on 13th October, more than two weeks late! We have been moved to our winter Holiday Camp near the seaside and the boyfriends are with us, yay! Our calves will stay suckling with us for some months and receive extra hard feed from creep feeders we bigger girl's can't get into.



Spoil sports!

Have you seen the Long-Horns grazing near the railings as you leave the village?

There are 4 adult females and 2 calves: the cows are in calf, due in the spring. They are destined for

Cockfield Hall and should look great grazing around "Yoxman", very old English.

As Richard will tell us rainfall has dominated our lives this year. Firstly, the lack of it during the summer leaving us quite hungry at times, although great for the waistline. More recently a significant surplus of grass which is about 97% water is going through us without touching the sides! The team are offering us ad-lib hay to slow the process down so we can extract more goodness from the wet grass. It's a struggle to find somewhere dry to sleep but we are hardy souls with lovely leather hides. The rest of the herd is down on the home farm in Essex tucked up in lovely straw yards, lucky so 'n so's!

We will have a TB test shortly. Hopefully, all will pass and we can revert to our previous 4-year status after a breakdown in our cycle 2 years ago caused by a calf brought from the West Country. That's it for the present. Hope you enjoy a very Happy Christmas.

Pat, of course, as in cow pat!

News from Low Farm

Without doubt the last couple of weeks have been the most stressful and worrying in all the 40 plus years we have been at Low Farm. With bird flu (avian influenza) being confirmed on 3 local farms we felt it was a case of when, not if, we would succumb. Touch wood, as I write this on a late



November evening we are still clear. The implications are awful. All birds, whether healthy or infected would

be humanly culled. That would be 28,000 birds as we have one shed empty at the moment. It would then be a minimum of 6 months and a series of clear tests before we could re-stock.

Bird flu has been particularly bad this year because, like the covid virus, it has mutated and become much more contagious and virulent. In previous years the virus has arrived in the autumn with migrating wildfowl from the east and north, and died off in the spring when the ducks and geese departed for their breeding grounds and the temperature warmed up. This year, the virus never went away, affecting a wider range of birds and devastating sea bird colonies around the Scottish coast during their breeding season, then spreading to commercial poultry - ducks, geese and turkeys being particularly vulnerable. There have been a few egg laying units affected, but not enough to cause the well publicised shortage of eggs in shops at moment. This is solely down-to the greed and arrogance of the supermarkets who have refused to pay a viable price to producers over the last 3-4 years, and many, like ourselves, have no option but to stop restocking sheds when they are empty.

Jeremy Blackmore, Low Farm

Race Night

Dear Race Night helpers and sponsors

On behalf of the Millennium Green Charity I would like to express our sincere thanks to you all for supporting Race Night this year. It couldn't have been done without you, and every penny of the £280 raised is needed to keep the Green going.

Many thanks again. The Millennium Green Trustees

Kids Club



It's been an exciting few months here at Kids Club and we had a fantastic turnout for our Spooky Spectacular Halloween Party! Thank you to everyone who came along, got dressed up and brought along a pumpkin.

This year the Kids Club Christmas Party is on 9th December from 4-5.30pm at The Hub and we hope that all the children will join us in a festive celebration to finish off Kids Club for 2022! We also hope to see lots of the Kids Club community at the Candlelight Carol Service (see p 7)

Kids Club will be back in the New Year with lots of exciting events and activities. Our first session will be Friday 6th January. To stay up to date with Kids Club sessions and news please join our mailing list by emailing the address below. We are always on the look-out for parent helpers. Kids Club is a fantastic community resource and we need your support to help it continue to flourish. If you can commit as little as a few hours per month, we would love to hear from you! You can get in touch at huntingfieldkidsclub@gmail.com.

Merry Christmas from The Kids Club Team!

A message from Sally

Huntingfield Kids Club started back in 2016 with just a few children attending each session. Today the club is flourishing, with an average attendance of over 20 plus children. As always, the club is forever grateful to the Central England Co-op for their financial support and input into our 'special themed, one-off' events.

Since before lockdown I have been assisted by Charlie Yule in leading the sessions. Together with Jos who looks after the 'toast station' and offers a listening ear to the children we have kept the club going. I am pleased to report that two other parents, Mark Hitchings from Cookley and Kat Bailey from Bramfield have come forward to offer their services as play leaders. As with all our leaders they have been DBS checked and will take a Basic Safeguarding Training module. With this new team in place, it is time for me to take a step back and let the 'new blood' bring their ideas and energy to the sessions. I will still support the club from the side-lines and help in any way I can.

Sally Clarke

We are sure everyone will agree that many grateful thanks go to Sally for her hard work and great success with Kids Club over the last six years. The Hare Team

Huntingfield Town Estate Trust

Many town and village communities have charities to help with financial hardship. We are fortunate, especially at this difficult and anxious time, that Huntingfield is one of those able to give assistance to individuals and families living in the parish via the Town Estate Trust & Education Foundation. Grants towards household costs and also school and college costs such as uniforms, school trips and further education courses are available.

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Apple Day



Apple Day was held on 8th October on a lovely sunny autumn day (distant memory now!). A good crowd came to the Hub to sample super produce including cakes,

chocolate apples, pickles, preserves, local honey, vegetables, eggs and meat. We also had some lovely stalls selling various crafts. There was hot food and warming drinks served from the kitchen while a raffle and apple competitions were in full swing. It was a pleasure to welcome Paul Read with his display of apple varieties and his Apple Identification Service was popular, keeping him busy with advice and information.



Outside apple pressing and bobbing was happening along with sales of apples

collected in and around Huntingfield. The outdoor cooking demonstration employed a tripod and firepit to tempt us with various delicious meaty morsels. Sales of wax melts and candles added to the festive atmosphere.

Apple Day is organised by the Huntingfield Millennium Green Charity with all proceeds going to the maintenance and improvement of the facilities on the green and orchard. A big thank you to all our helpers and to everybody who contributed to a splendid day.

Jim Wardale



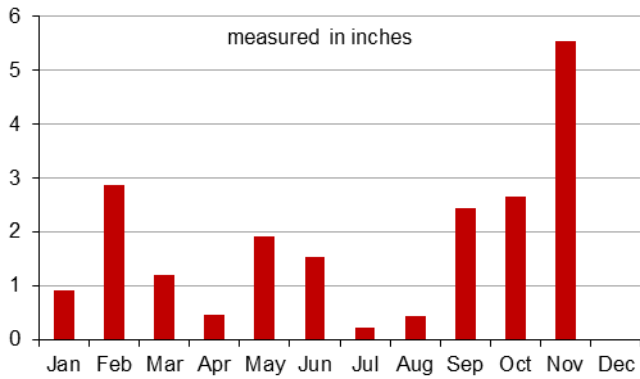
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Weather report: October-November 2022



What a year! Gales in February produced the strongest gust I've recorded, a record dry summer, then a very wet but mild autumn producing near-record rainfall in November and, to cap it all, it's not been the driest year I've ever recorded (that was 2011)! So, what do the figures say? In September, October and November this year there has been 10.62in. (270mm) of rainfall - in November alone 5.53in. (140mm). The same 3 months in 2021 accumulated 5.93in. (150mm) - quite a difference.

Nevertheless, the rain this year has come at the right time. It needs several wet winter months to allow the

reservoirs to be refilled and the underground aquifers to replenish. We still have one month of the year to go and though I don't wish it to be very wet, we do still need the rain. The weather is certainly more unpredictable, put down to global warming. Whether it's a natural phenomenon or man-made I'm not so sure. I'm neutral on this one but there is no doubt we've added to it! From the charts you can see the annual and bi-annual variations but being a temperate climate, it's really to be expected.

At the moment there is much hyperbole in certain newspapers as to when the "beast from the east" is going to hit us but the truth is that no-one actually knows, if at all!

	2021	2022	Diff Inches	Diff mm
Oct	3.67	2.66	-1.01	-25.63
Nov	1.67	5.53	3.86	97.99
Totals	5.34	8.19	2.85	72.36

Seasons greetings to all! I hope the weather next year is kinder to farmers and gardeners alike.

Richard Tyler

Arms Events



The big news from us is the opening of our "shop" on 2nd December at 2pm. We are still developing the concept (i.e. scratching our heads): at present we are looking to stock necessary staples, some luxury items plus

lots of goodies from our own kitchen. Come along, say Hello, have a drink and have a browse! At 6.30pm we will also switch on the Christmas Lights. Unfortunately, this year there seems to be a shortage on the reindeer front so the annual race has been cancelled (although the sight of Steve in a reindeer suit will, perhaps, not be missed!).

For New Year's Eve we will be putting on a buffet for £13.50 per person. Please ensure you book as places are limited. Next year the only date so far is Burns Night on 25th January.

The monthly Charity Quiz will take place as usual – dates are in the What's On (p 12).

With all the Best Wishes of the Season and many thanks for your continued support.

Sara & Steve

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Nature Notes

Winter is approaching, the days are shortening and leaves are still falling, forming golden brown crunchy heaps wherever the wind has blown them. We tidy them up in our gardens and, of course, leaf mould makes a great compost. But have you ever wondered what happens to the tons of leaves that fall in the countryside and aren't collected by human hands.



Well, the humble and often under-recorded earthworm that occurs in surprisingly large numbers is mainly responsible for clearing them up. A very modest estimate

of 40 worms per square metre would equate to around 160,000 per acre of soil. In some wooded or fertile pastures, the figure could be as high as 1,000 worms per square metre, resulting in an incredible 4 million worms in an acre.

At this time of year you may have noticed dead leaves and other organic matter has been pulled into partially buried small rosettes on your lawn. These, together with squiggles of earth that look like squeezed toothpaste are evidence of earthworm activity. The piles are middens, created at the entrance of the worm burrows which, in some species, extend vertically down as far as 2.5 metres. The leaves etc. are pulled down at night to provide food for the worm in the safe environment of its tunnel. It is estimated that just one species of worm, the Lobworm (*Lumbricus terrestris*), is capable of removing 90% of the autumn leaf fall in an orchard - that's around half a ton in an acre which is quite incredible! The squiggles of wet earth are worm casts that have passed right through the worm.

The activities of earthworms enhance the soil, be it by providing better drainage via the tunnels or fertiliser through the organic matter and casts. The work they do can determine the depth that roots penetrate, the amount of water the soil can hold and the movement of air through the soil. They are like little engineers under the earth.

Other animals also benefit by preying on worms: one mole eats about fifty pounds a year and they make up the main food source for many species of birds – in fact a Black-Headed Gull's diet consists of 90% worms. We have all seen clouds of gulls behind a ploughing tractor snaffling up the thousands of worms revealed. In fact, gulls also employ a much cleverer technique to feed

on worms. I recently watched Herring and Common Gulls in a field rapidly paddling their feet. By doing this they fool worms into believing it's raining so they wriggle out onto the surface where they are quickly gobbled up by the waiting gulls - very clever behaviour.

Around thirty species of earthworms occur in the UK. All are hermaphrodites which means each worm has both male and female structures. So next time you spot worm casts on your lawn just imagine the amazing life and number of the earthworms under your feet!

On a seasonal note, as gardeners will tell you, our national bird, the Robin, also has a real appetite for

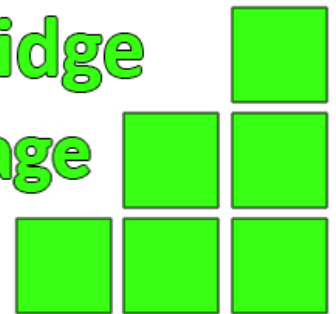


worms and will readily follow someone digging over their veg. patch. These friendly, colourful birds which light up any dull winter

day will soon be appearing on Christmas decorations and cards, so Merry Christmas to all.

Tony Howe

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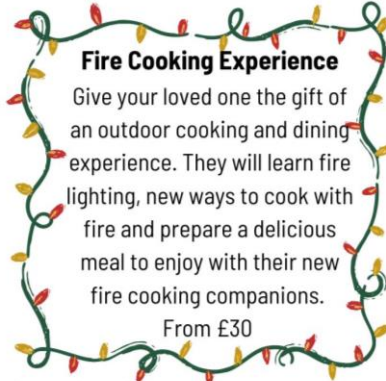
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David's Column



Seasons greetings everyone! I cannot believe that its almost December already. By the time you read this it will be, and we might be celebrating a brilliant win for England at the World Cup. Our last Parish Council meeting was relatively straight-forward; mostly taken

up by procedural matters. We bid farewell to David Lines, our interim Clerk and welcomed Carol Hume as our new Clerk. Carol lives in Linstead and works with Sam Fairs so she knows the area well.

Warm Space: I think we all know this winter is going to be a tough one for many people in our village. The Hub trustees have set up a working group to put together a plan for using The Hub as a Warm Space. Once this is finalised the PC will apply to the Cost of Living Community Grant Fund. Hopefully we will be able to move forward with this quite quickly and we will keep everyone informed.

Parking: One of the ongoing issues for the PC is parking in the village or, to be more precise, thoughtless parking. We agreed at the meeting to install two small 'Please do not park here' signs, one beside the steps from The Street up to the Pub and one by the drop kerb at Holland Rise.

Hedges: Our roads are getting busier and the traffic, particularly farm traffic, is getting wider. It is therefore increasingly important that our hedges are kept under control. This will maximise the width of the road for passing traffic and allow a verge on which pedestrians can take shelter. It is the landowners responsibility to keep their hedges trimmed back to at least 3 feet from the side of the road up to a height of 16 feet. If you do have land bordering the road can you please check that there is at least a 3 foot verge. Thank you.

Councillors: We currently have two vacancies on the Parish Council. If any Huntingfield residents feel that it is the time to get involved please email huntingfieldclerk@gmail.com. If you want to know what is required then have a chat with one of your councillors and come along to the next meeting to see if it is for you.

David Blackmore, Chair, Huntingfield Parish Council

Petanque

The Hares held their AGM recently, followed by a lovely meal at the Arms. Thanks to Sara & Steve for allowing us use of the dining room. I was elected as captain for a further year, and David Blackmore as vice captain. We agreed to order some shirts for the new members of the club and to look at personalised caps in preparation for a hot summer again next year. Sheila has kindly agreed to purchase a ton of crushed stone for the piste, thank you!

The winter season has started: we have played 3 games, won 2 and lost 1. We also won the first game in the knockout. Next year will see the return of the inter-club tournament which will be played in one day, followed by a BBQ Practice sessions will also return in the new year. Keep an eye on Huntingfield Community facebook page where you can see our results. Anyone wishing to have a go, please let me know.

Happy Christmas and a Healthy New Year.

Julie Collett, Captain, Huntingfield Hares.

Church Chat

I'm delighted to report that the leaky Church roof is fixed which was well timed as the weather turned shortly afterwards. When conditions are good Mr. Sillet will also mend the crack under the East Window. Our next project is to change all 72 spotlights to LED which are much cheaper to run.

The Harvest Supper was well attended: thank you to all. Helen's photographic time frame of the village through the year was brilliant. We do live in such a beautiful place! We also had a lovely Harvest Service with Alison on the 23rd October. After the service all donations were taken to the Community Larder.



Remembrance Day was thankfully mild and dry so lots of people came along. Bill Mahood led the proceedings and

thanks go to Rose Thompson who read out the names of those we lost. We got the timing spot on for the Big Ben chimes - not easy - thanks to Edward. The display in the Church for those lost from the village during both conflicts was really moving. I look forward to finding out how much we collected for the British Legion.

Forthcoming events are another performance by Aurora Consort on 10th December (see p 11). I'm really looking forward to it as they were fabulous in August.

Our Carol Service is on Friday 16th Dec at 4.30pm (see p 7). Chris Bracewell will play the organ and, hopefully, bring members of Laxfield's choir.

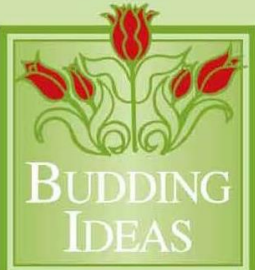


Both concerts will be candlelit and there will be festive refreshments. We hope some of the children from the village will come too - I'm enjoying sampling festive biscuits!

Finally, many thanks to Jane and Nick from Pikes Paws for donating one of their beautiful Christmas trees to the Church. We look forward to decorating it so everyone can enjoy it over the festive season.




Happy Christmas.

Emma Ward, Churchwarden, St Mary the Virgin





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Harvest Festival, Heveningham



The Bell Ringers rang in the harvest for this year's festival at St Margaret's Church, with over 45 parishioners joining together for a service of thanksgiving followed by afternoon

tea. The food was kindly donated by residents and local businesses to whom we are most grateful: Halesworth Co-op, Salter and King; Black Dog Deli, Wakelyn's Bakery, Focus Organic and Adnams.

The service included an informative talk from local farmer Sam Fairs regarding the success of this year's harvest. The reading of the 'Harvest Moon' poem was by 10-year-old Lily Holden from Heveningham. Flo Holden assisted with the harvest artifacts. Revd Gini, leading the service, expressed "how wonderful it was to see the church buzzing". We would like to thank all those attending for making this occasion such a success. Following the service, all produce donated by residents went to the Food Bank, Halesworth.

Karen & Chris, Church Wardens, St Margaret's Church

Good Luck Jack!



This autumn Jack Morelli commenced studying post graduate Medicine at Warwick University. To prepare, he served in the Army as a Combat Medical Technician for four years where he completed P company, gaining his jump wings

and served with 3 Para in the Parachute Regiment. Initially when he left school Jack gained a history degree from the University of Bristol and spent two years volunteering in Uganda and Greece.

Born and raised at Corner Farm, Huntingfield he attended Edgar Sewter Primary School, Halesworth Middle School and Mercedes-Benz International School in Pune whilst the family lived in India for 2 years. On return to the U.K. he attended Bungay Comprehensive School before winning an academic scholarship to The Royal Hospital School Holbrook.

Jane & Tony Morelli

Sincere Thanks

Most of us often say the word “thankyou” to express our appreciation on receiving help or a service and, on special occasions, a gift. However, there are times in our lives when that word doesn’t seem to be strong enough to convey the depth of our feelings.

And so I am putting my sincere thanks in writing. Thankyou to all of you in Huntingfield and surrounding area for the incredible acts of kindness following my accident in August. You and I know who you are without my naming individuals. However, there is one little girl who came with her father to present me with a card and a box containing the decorated biscuits she had baked. They were delicious and brought tears to my eyes. Children are never too young to be encouraged to believe that it can bring pleasure to give as to receive.

I wish you a merry festive season and a healthy new year.

Sheila Freeman



Halesworth Community Larder



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However, we are aware that for some people accessing the larder can be difficult due to work commitments, transport or illness/disabilities and we are here to help. We have set up a 'FREE COURIER' service to collect and deliver on your behalf. If you would like to access this service please email (and, if possible, send a shopping list) to huntingfieldkidsclub@gmail.com and we will be in touch.

For those who are able, the Larder relies on donations. Get in touch with us and we will take your items to the larder for you. We hope that our wonderful community will support this new project Please spread the word. This service is open to every household in the three villages.

Together we can make this work.

Budding Ideas

Well, here we are again - in the darkest months but not necessarily the coldest. Light levels are quite low, there is a lot of rain around and, if you are anything like me, the last thing you want to do is to venture out from under the duvet and prefer to huddle around a roaring fire with a hot toddy in hand.



However, if you can force yourself to drag out the moth-eaten thermals and bung on the layers, there are plenty of jobs that can be done whilst avoiding any unpleasant weather conditions. These can make really productive use of your time to get ahead of the game for the coming growing season.

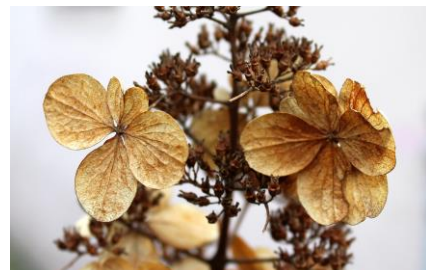
By now you should have moved any tender potted plants likely to be damaged by frost into the greenhouse, if you are lucky enough to have one. If not, try a warm window ledge or even a well-lit shed to keep them free from damage. Tender plants that are in the ground need to be wrapped in fleece or bubble wrap, or you can even buy plant 'cosies'! Just make sure that whatever you use is anchored securely to the ground and tied in around the plant.



Having dragged yourself outside to face the elements take the opportunity to prune climbing roses. The leaves will

have dropped so you can clearly see how to improve the shape, aiming to prune to provide a network of horizontal stems, or a fan-like framework. Remove all dead, damaged or crossing branches and completely cut out two or three of the largest older branches which will help regenerate new, young flowering stems. Long, whippy new growth can be tied into the support horizontally or as a fan, which will then encourage them to produce more flowering shoots. Remaining side shoots where the flowers will form can be cut back to two or three buds. Fallen leaves should NOT go into compost as they are more than likely going to have blackspot on them and this will overwinter.

If you decided this autumn/winter not to cut back and tidy herbaceous borders they will now look a complete mess. In these times of 'responsible' gardening it is suggested that waiting until Spring provides safe havens for over-wintering creatures of all kinds. If this idea is not to your liking, how about tidying most of it but leaving a corner in place and allowing insects and other wildlife their retreat from the elements?



Spring bulbs such as Daffodils and Tulips can still be planted but check that they are firm and mould-free.

In really wet conditions and particularly frosty or frozen days, stay off the lawn. All you will do is damage the grass stems and compact the soil which will certainly not help it cope with the extremes of weather we now face. Use the opportunity to book mowers, etc. in for a professional service and clean. When storing petrol driven equipment ensure that any remaining fuel is drained off and disposed of responsibly.

Finally, if the weather really gets the better of you, divest yourself of all those layers and get back in front of that roaring fire with seed and plant catalogues to pour over and plan for the coming year's gardening possibilities.

That hot toddy might help now....

Cheers and a Merry Xmas to one and all!

Lori Kingsley Adams, Budding Ideas

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Ubbeston Parish Council

The Parish Council are delighted to say that we have now collected the Quiet Lane signs which will be installed very soon. We also have costings for the village gateways and are waiting to confirm funding. The council agreed their budget for 2023-24 and are delighted to announce that they will not be increasing the precept, in fact it has been decreased by 3%. The council also agreed to give a donation of £50 to Headway and a letter of thanks has been received.

Concerns have been expressed by various residents regarding events at the turkey farm. We have written to them with a request that we are kept in the loop in the future.

Finally, meeting dates for 2023 are now on the website, ubbeston.onesuffolk.net. All meetings are held in the Hub and it would be lovely to see some of you there.

Happy Christmas to all from Ubbeston Parish Councillors.

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Heveningham Parish Council

The November Parish Council meeting is due to be held after the deadline for the Hare. However, we will be agreeing the Budget for 2023-24 and the precept for next year. We are still jumping through the hoops in order to get the Lorry Route signs put up. Cllrs Gladwell & Morphey are continuing to work behind the scenes on Bell Meadow. Hopefully, we will have more to report in the next edition. The agenda, minutes and meeting dates are on the website, heveningham.onesuffolk.net.

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What's on – dates for your diary

December

2nd Huntingfield Arms Big Switch On, (p 5)
4th Three Villages Christmas Dinner, The Hub.
8th Charity Quiz, The Arms, 7pm (p 5)
9th Kids Club Christmas Party (p 3)
10th Aurora Consort, St Mary's (p 11)
10th Halesworth Community Choir, The Hub (p 12)
11th Carol Service, St Margarets, Heveningham, 4pm
16th Candlelit Carol Service, St Mary's (p. 7)
19th Carols Round the Tree, 6pm (p 1)
31st New Years Eve at The Arms, (p 5)

January

6th Kids Club, The Hub, 4pm, (p 3)
8th Holy Communion, St Margarets, Heveningham, 10am
9th Ubbeston Parish Council Meeting, The Hub, 7pm
11th Huntingfield Parish Council Meeting, The Hub, 7pm
12th Charity Quiz, The Arms, 7pm (p 5)
20th Kids Club, The Hub, 4pm
25th Heveningham Parish Council Meeting, The Hub, 7pm
25th Burns Night, The Arms, (p 5)
26th Brunch at The Hub, 10-11am

Regular events at The Hub

Pilates Thursday a.m. (contact Orchid Fitness for details 07899 888778, nikkihambling@gmail.com)
Yoga Tuesday, 6.30-7.30pm, £7 per class. (Contact Hayley 07776184943)
Zumba Every Thursday, 11am-noon. £7 per session.

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Mobile Library



The monthly mobile library visits are on Tuesdays but there is no visit in December and the dates for 2023 are yet to be released.

Please check online at:

<https://www.suffolklibraries.co.uk/visit/mobile-libraries/saxmundham-mobile-library-route-13/>

Halesworth Community Choir

On Saturday 10th December, 7.30pm at The Hub, Halesworth Community Choir and Village Voices from Hoxne present "A Seasonal Box of Delights", a concert of songs and readings.

Tickets (£10) are available from TicketSource (<https://www.ticketsource.co.uk/halesworth-community-choir>) and also on the door (cash only).