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Summer Solstice Charity Walk - 21st June

'230' Thank You's to everyone who supported us on our Summer Solstice Evening Walk. Yes, we raised £230 for EACH. We are particularly grateful to Lois Hunt for allowing us to walk over the Heveningham Hall Estate. The route was beautiful and away from the roads, so perfect for such an event.

It was great that so many of our friends and neighbours from Laxfield and Ubbeston joined us and we thank them for their support and look forward to welcoming them again to future events.

The final word of thanks comes from EACH themselves. This is part of a letter they sent us in response to receiving our donation:

'...The specialist medical and emotional support that we offer to children and families is completely free of charge, and at a cost of £16,000 a day, every day of the year it means the more funds we have, the bigger difference we can make. With your support today we can welcome even more families through our doors and help them make precious memories that will last a lifetime. On behalf of all the children, young people and families we care for, thank you.' Sam Lucking—Director of Fundraising at EACH.



The Wednesday Club will meet on
2nd August and 6th September
from 2 p.m.—4 p.m.

The usual Scrabble, Dominoes and other games will be enjoyed by those coming along.

This is the opportunity to enjoy tea, cakes, ice cream and a chat in convivial surroundings.

Take time out from your busy day and come along.

Open to all with NO charge.
The Hub Trustees

Guess What?

Did you guess the last object? The clue in the Hare was 'silent subway'
The answer - St Mary's Churchyard!

Now for the next one

'Stuff Brexit - I'm French connected and always will be'
'So, what is being referred to here?'

Celebrations

A very special birthday celebration in August is that of **Joyce MacDonald** who will be 100 years old on the 4th of the month. Joyce lived for many years in The Old School House in Huntingfield. She was an active member of the church, playing the organ and as choir mistress. She also took on the role of locking and unlocking the church every day. Five years ago Joyce went to live in a care home in Wiltshire to be near two of her children, John and Celia. Joyce's care home is in the village of Tisbury. Christine Cooper, who lived in Laundry Cottage, has been to visit her on two occasions and remarked on the delightful room that she enjoys living in. Her room overlooks the village square - with its cafes and restaurants. Chris says she still misses Joyce with her fund of stories - she was always a great conversationalist. During her lifetime as a viola player Joyce met so many famous folk from the world of music - Kathleen Ferrier once came to tea in Huntingfield!

Rhoda and Malcolm Rackham will celebrate 64 years of marriage on 5th September. Congratulations to them both.

Malcolm has another celebration - he will be 85 on 6th August!

Please let us know about any special birthdays or other celebratory events that we can share with our readers.



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The Meeting Place

The inaugural session of the Meeting Place was on Wednesday 5th July in which about 20 adults enjoyed a BBQ and chatting along with a game of badminton while the children tried out new skipping ropes, table tennis and other games.

After discussions with many people in the villages it has been agreed that The Meeting Place will open its doors (i.e. at The Hub) on the **first Friday evening of each month** from 7—10 p.m. So the next meetings will be on



**Friday 4th August & Friday 1st September
from 7 - 10 p.m. in The Hub**



A reminder that people of ALL ages are welcome to come and enjoy a social evening, play some games, have a chat - whatever you choose to do!

Bring your own drinks and snacks - crisps & sweets, tea/coffee & squash available to purchase.

With a charge of just £1 for adults and 50p for children - it's a bargain!

The Meeting Place Team



Film Nights in The Hub

The Events Group is pleased to announce the new season's films, starting on

Friday 22nd September with 'The Girl on the Train'.

Released in 2016 starring Emily Blunt. Based on the best selling novel by Paula Hawkins, it is a gripping thriller that will have you on the edge of your seats.

**On Friday 20th October we are showing
'Citizen Kane'**

The film for **November** will be **Blues Brothers** on 24th.
£5 Admission. Doors open at 7:00 p.m.



Carpet Bowls

A reminder that Carpet Bowls is played in The Hub every **Friday afternoon from 2:30—4:00.**

Everyone is welcome to come and join in a relaxing, enjoyable session. Tea and coffee is available.

The fee to attend is £1 per session.



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Pomegranate Feta and Mint Salad

Why not have a break from iceberg lettuce and tomatoes with this extra special summer salad to accompany your BBQ. It comes from The Times BBQ Special and serves 4 - 6.

Ingredients:

- 225g couscous
- 4 sliced spring onions
- Handful of mint - chopped
- Handful of parsley - chopped
- One pomegranate de-seeded
- 200g feta cut into bite size chunks

Dressing:

- 1½ tbsp Dijon mustard
- 2 tbsp white wine vinegar
- 4 tbsp olive oil
- 1 tbsp caster sugar

Method:

1. Shake all dressing ingredients vigorously in a jar.
2. Tip couscous into heatproof dish, season heavily with fresh cracked black pepper and a little sea salt. Stir to evenly distribute seasoning, then pour on boiling water to just submerge NOT drown the couscous. Cover with lid or foil and leave to one side to fully hydrate for 20—30 minutes.
3. Meanwhile mix together all but the pomegranate seeds. Fork through to separate and fluff up the couscous then stir through salad ingredients and scatter pomegranate seeds on top and drizzle a little dressing over. Serve the rest of the dressing separately just be sure to give a good stir before serving.

Joan's Column

Summer has finally arrived and there have been several events at which we have come together during the last couple of months, including the Summer Solstice Charity Walk, the Village Clean-Up Day and the first session of The Meeting Place at The Hub when a great evening was enjoyed with a BBQ, refreshments and outdoor games. A big thank-you to everyone involved in organising the event and special thanks to Carla Kruger for doing a splendid job cooking the delicious burgers and sausages.

There was an unfortunate incident recently when a tractor demolished the Magna Carta Walk signboard situated at the entrance to The Hub car park. This has now been repaired with thanks going to Stephen Harrison, Nigel Jerrey and Brian Lucas.



The defibrillator is now in full working order and Jackie Driver has kindly volunteered to take charge of carrying out the

necessary regular checks required. She does, however, need a deputy to cover for the times when she is not available.

We also need volunteers willing to have their telephone numbers placed on a list to be contacted in an emergency situation to collect the defibrillator from the outside wall of The Arms and deliver it to anyone who needs it.

If you are able to help in either of these roles please let us know. (See page 7 for information regarding training in the use of the AED Plus)

Here's to a happy sun filled summer in our lovely village.

Joan Baker - Chair of the Parish Council



Meet Your MP

Thérèse Coffey, the Member of Parliament for Suffolk Coastal, will visit Huntingfield on

Wed. 30th August at The Hub from 3.05 - 3.15 p.m.

Thérèse welcomes residents to come along and meet her and ask their questions.

If you cannot make it you can contact her at therese.coffey.mp@parliament.uk or by phone on 0207 219 7164.

Alternatively you can write to Thérèse at House of Commons, London, SW1A 0AA



Christmas Meal

The **Three Village Christmas Dinner** is to be held in the Hub on Saturday 16th December.

More details in the next issue of the Hare.

Sue Tyler

Heveningham Hall Country Fair

The sun shone, the bands played and it appeared that everyone came and drank tea and ate cake. Each year the villagers are asked to bake cakes and to donate raffle and tombola prizes. As always people are so generous with their donations and also in giving their time to helping at the Fair over the weekend. Your donations do make a difference and I am pleased to report that the sums raised were as follows:-

Saturday 8th: **Courtyard Tearoom** = £1,223, **Tea Tent** = £2,815. Sunday 9th: **Courtyard Tearoom** = £1,671, **Tea Tent** = £3,677 making a total of **£9,385**.

Saturday 8th: **Tombola** = £1,017, Sunday 9th: **Tombola** = £516. A total for Tombola sales of **£1,533**.

Saturday 8th: **Raffle** = £498, Sunday 9th: **Raffle** = £631. Giving a total for the Raffle of **£1,129**

Raffle Prize Winners were:-

1st prize - Samantha Chapman - £300, **2nd** - Tony Redman - 2 night stay in Holly Cottage, Huntingfield, **3rd** - Mike Bretton - £50 voucher Darsham Nurseries, **4th** - Emma Bailey - Magnum of Adnams Champagne, **5th** - Mary Palmer - An Anchor beach bag, scarf and umbrella, **6th** - Katy Comins - Sunday lunch for 2 at The Royal Oak, Laxfield, **7th** - Becca - £25 John Lewis voucher, **8th** - G & M Curtis - a crate of Aspalls Cider, **9th** - Mike Bretton - Afternoon Tea at G&T's Café, Yoxford, **10th** - J Scott - A hamper of local produce, **11th** - Mrs S Jones - 10 variety packs of Musk sausages.

The money raised is for local communities, for village and school projects, church repairs and individual cases of need.

A fantastic effort, thank you everyone!

Date for your diaries—**Saturday 4th November** - Heveningham Hall Fireworks. Please let Julie Collett 798258 know if you are able to help in any way. *Sally Clarke - Rep for Huntingfield. HHCFT - Reg. Charity No. 1095403 - For the Community.*

The Hub Summer Holiday Kids Club

Thanks to the volunteers who have come forward to make this happen!

There will be three sessions during August on Wednesday mornings

**9th, 16th and 23rd August
from 10 a.m.—12 noon**

for children from 4 - 11 years of age

The charge will be £1.50 per morning to include a drink and snack.

Please contact me, Sue Lucas, if you would like your child to attend one or all of the sessions, so that we can get Registration Forms to you prior to the starting date.

For more information email us at thehub@huntingfield.com



The Kids Club Team (details on back page)

Churchwarden's Chat



There are two over-riding thoughts at St. Mary's at this time. One of great sadness and the other of hope.

We mourn the untimely death of our dear friend, churchwarden and stalwart, Tim Stanley-Clarke. He was a huge presence in church - always a positive part of any service and an immense help to me.

Now the hope: The benefice churchwardens met with the Archdeacon recently and were assured that there are no plans to close any of the benefice churches.

At the Heveningham Hall Country Fair an old tradition was revived - a Morning Prayer service in a tent, complete with machine generated bubbles - a lovely way to start Sunday! At St. Mary's there will be services at 9:30 a.m. on

**30th July, 20th August and 10th
September**

There has not been a **Harvest Festival** at Huntingfield for a number of years.
We're putting that right on

Sunday 1st October at 11 a.m.

when there will be a short Harvest service, with all those wonderful hymns!

We invite you to join us for a 'picnic' afterwards and if you would bring a plate of food that would be wonderful. In place of harvest produce, we ask for contributions for the Food Bank.

We would also love to see and hear harvest pictures and poems from the children.



God Bless, *Linda Berry*

?Guess Who?

Can you identify the next Mystery Guest from these clues?

- Has lived in the village for over 40 years
- Loves plants
- Was born 646 miles from the Equator

Please let us know your ideas for a Mystery Guest

Clean Up the Village Morning

On Sunday 11th June a group of a couple of dozen people met together to Clean Up the Village ready for the summer. How amazing that there were so many willing to help out of a total population of just about 150!

Many thanks to all who came, worked hard, then partook of bacon rolls and coffee as thanks for their efforts. It meant that the Village Green, the Hub site, Holland Rise and the Millennium Green looked great.

Just to give you some idea of the myriad of 'jobs' that were done, here are some of them:-

- The new steps were cleared round—so many thistles and nettles! (actually I've noticed they need doing again now!!)
- The edge of the car park and the bank was strimmed round
- The flower beds in the car park weeded
- The slabs all round the Hub were weeded and cleaned as well as the gravel areas cleared of weeds
- Weeds cleared between the hedging near the road
- All cobwebs cleared from the outside of the Hub
- The oak tree on the village green was cleared of weeds
- Litter was picked up from all the lanes and hedges around the village
- The village signs and road signs in the village all cleaned
- Fences and gates repaired on the Millennium Green
- Large thistles and ragwort were pulled from the wild flower meadow
- Some of the fruit trees were cleared round by cutting the grass back
- Brambles round the willow walk were cleared and the area tidied
- Trees around the Hub car park were cut back
- The steps to the village green were painted to avoid falls
- The first of the new benches on the Millennium Green was put together (since then the other 2 are in place)
- The edge of the village green was strimmed
- The grass on the roadside of Holland Rise was strimmed

So next time you think how lovely our village looks, please remember that it is all down to the hard work of a few people.

Our Mystery Guest in this issue is Malcolm Rackham

Malcolm was born in Huntingfield on 6th August 1932. He lived with his Nan in Bridge Cottages. There were three cottages in those days making up Bridge Cottages; Malcolm lived in the middle one. He remembers Albert Todd's shop on the corner by the bridge.

He attended Huntingfield School from the age of 5 until he was 14. There were only two classes, one for the 'little ones' and one for the older children. The teacher of the young ones was Mrs Nellie Upson who lived in Walpole, while the older children were taught by the headmistress, Mrs Dobson, the mother of Felicity Griffin. Howard Dobson was the priest at St. Mary's Church at the time. Those of you who have lived in Huntingfield for some time will remember Felicity who did so much good work for the Church - she now lives in Cornwall near her son.

Malcolm was a little envious of some of the village lads who, when they reached the age of 11, went to Halesworth School where there was a large playing field on which football was played. He would like to have joined them and isn't sure why he wasn't allowed to. Malcolm found that school could be a little tedious - doing the same thing every day, reading, writing and arithmetic. He remembers well the playground, which is now part of the Old School House garden. Also the toilets which were outside at the end of the garden - the toilet building is still standing!

Malcolm left school at the age of 14 and went to work as a gardener for Andrew Vanneck at Heveningham Hall. Mr Vanneck could be a strict employer and once told Malcolm he was 'damned rude' when one day Malcolm addressed Mr Vanneck with a cheerful 'Good morning' with a piece of grass in his mouth. He told Malcolm not to let it happen again!

After four years at Heveningham Hall Malcolm was called up for his National Service at the age of 18. He was quite nervous about this having grown up and gone to school in this very small village. However, he soon made friends and found it to be one of the best experiences of his life. He was in the 22nd Light Anti-Aircraft Royal Artillery Regiment and underwent 8 weeks of basic training at Oswestry Barracks in Shropshire. Following this he went to Woolwich Barracks and then to Menden in Germany. The whole experience was very new to Malcolm and he particularly remembered the strict discipline especially that of the Staff Sergeant in Menden who would go into the soldiers sleeping quarters with a big stick which he used to hammer on their cupboards - everything had to be completed to perfection, if something was slightly out-of-order there would be some very strong language used by the Staff Sergeant! Malcolm learned many skills, including ironing and boot cleaning! After eighteen months it was back to England to complete his two year National Service at Woolwich Barracks.

Back in Huntingfield after two years of being a soldier Malcolm settled back into life in our sleepy village. He married Rhoda about a year after leaving the army. They lived together, with Rhoda's mother, in Malt Cottages, the third one from the centre of the village. A year after that he and Rhoda moved to their own house in Church Cottage - the furthest one from the village. Another move was to 1 The Street, which is now part of The Longhouse, opposite the Arms. Eventually Malcolm and Rhoda applied for the brand new house where they still live between The Longhouse and Bridge Cottage.

Of course, Malcolm was still a young man at this time and so he joined the Huntingfield Football Team. The team was in the Leiston & District League. They played in the grounds of Heveningham Hall thanks to Andrew Vanneck who allowed the use of the grounds for this activity. Malcolm played in the Centre Forward position. He thoroughly enjoyed his 10 - 12 years in the team. Even though the team didn't win any medals they all had a good time. There were men from all the local villages playing for the Huntingfield team. Unfortunately Malcolm had to discontinue playing when his knees started 'playing up'.

Before being 'called up' Malcolm worked at Heveningham Hall but after his National Service he worked for Stowmarket Timber Company which had a base in Walpole. His role there was as a tree-feller. After a short spell in that job Malcolm worked for Mr Clover, Stanley's father (Stan still lives in the village) as an agricultural worker at Valley Farm. He continued agricultural work when he went to work for Wilmot Creasey at Huntingfield Hall. Wilmot was a good man to work for, in Malcolm's words 'he was not a bad old boy'. We believe that Wilmot was the owner of Huntingfield Hall prior to the ownership transferring to Sara Peel. Under her stewardship of the Hall, Pip and Ivan, two men who still live in the village, worked for her at Huntingfield Hall. When Wilmot Creasey sold the Hall Malcolm went to work for Atlas Aggregates as a lorry driver. He worked for that company for 17 years until his retirement 20 years ago.

Malcolm has many memories of life in the village amongst them being his recall of various landlords of the Arms. He particularly remembers Winnie & Alf Adams - Winnie used to dish up good lunches for the pea harvesters and other agricultural workers. Hazel Waters mother and father also owned the pub at one time. He fondly remembers Mr Taylor who was landlord for a time in the 1970s. Malcolm was in the darts team which played regularly in the Arms. They did not belong to a league but played friendly matches against teams from other local pubs.

Malcolm and Rhoda had two children, Trevor, who was born while they were living in Malt Cottages - he was born in the Patrick Stead Hospital in Halesworth, Their daughter, Susan, was a 'home birth' in Huntingfield. Susan has a son, James, and a daughter, Deborah. Deborah's two sons, Archie and Freddie visit Rhoda and Malcolm regularly with their mum much to Malcolm's obvious delight when talking about them.

Holidays to Skegness and later to Spain and Portugal were a highlight of Malcolm's years and much enjoyed by the whole family.

Thank you for sharing your story with us Malcolm, it has been a great privilege for us.



PETANQUE CLUB NEWS

Our Petanque season slowly progresses but having achieved our first draw (2-2) of the year when we played the Poachers on the Millennium Green on Sunday 16th July, the Huntingfield Hares amassed 45 game points to 44, so a technical victory there! Well done to Frances and Mick Doyle and to Sue Tyler for winning their games and for the others who turned out for some enjoyable games in the warmth for a change!

I was fast thinking of re-naming the Hares the 3-1 Club as in our previous 5 matches we were runners up with 3-1 results for our opposing teams. We had one match at home in June on the 18th when we were runners up to Diss Duval. Sally Clarke our newest player with her husband David Blackmore managed to win our only game, so well done to both of them.

We have a match against Mendham & Withersdale at Withersdale Village Hall on Sunday 30th July at 11:00 a.m. and our final match on Wednesday 2nd August at 6:00 p.m. at the Huntingfield Arms. Members are encouraged to support the Hares and anyone else who's interested is also welcome to come along and watch.

We are still looking for new players, so do please encourage anyone you know to come along and make themselves known and we'll do the rest.

Richard Tyler - 01986 798403



HHFC Raft Race

Where were you Huntingfield? All in the Tea Tent working I guess! Unfortunately Huntingfield did not manage to get together a team for the Heveningham Hall Country Fair Raft Race - in fact only two teams entered, Laxfield and Cratfield with Laxfield finishing the victors.

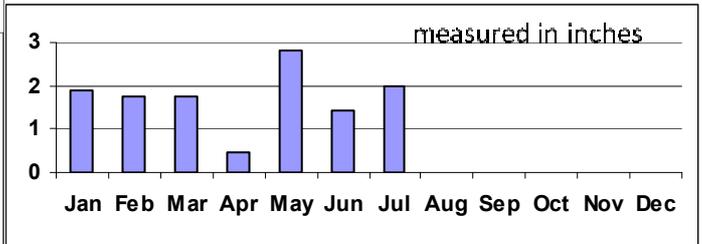
Oh well, there's always next year!

Rainfall in 2017

Flash, bang, splosh, summer is here, three fine days and a thunderstorm! Who cares, we've been having some pretty good weather this summer so far and a great improvement on 2016. Today, 19th July, I recorded a temperature of 28C well away from the influence of buildings and driveways, but also recorded 16mm (.63") rain from the very early morning storm. It was slightly unusual in that the thunderstorm preceded the hot temperatures of the day. Why was this? Well, the warm air duly arrived from the south as forecast and pushed up against the cooler air of a temporarily moving jetstream. To add to the fun, the ridge of high pressure over us has disappeared allowing Atlantic fronts and cooler air from the west to head our way bringing more unstable weather over the next few days. There was also a hot spell in June here in Huntingfield whilst folk on holiday in Scotland experienced wet weather and cool temperatures. I'm advised that temperatures exceeded 30C while we were away on holiday (in Scotland). Another deluge occurred after the hot weather on the 28th June when I recorded .79" of rain. June was pretty dry this year and I only recorded 1.42" of rain (3.84" in June 2016) and in July 2017 1.99" so far compared with 1.88" for the whole of July 2016. Cumulatively we have had 12.04" rain to July 19th 2017 and for 2016 to the end of July there was 17.82" so we are over 5.5" down.

I hope the fair weather continues and that everyone enjoys the rest of the summer to come.

Richard Tyler



How to Use Huntingfield's Defibrillator

When Huntingfield residents raised the funds and purchased the defibrillator in 2013 a training session was arranged in the use of the equipment. Now that Jackie Driver has taken over the routine maintenance and care of the machine it is thought to be time to have a re-training session. This will be arranged as soon as possible, so please look out for information posters and emails to let you know when it will be held.

If you are not on the village email list but would like to keep in touch with what is happening in the village please contact the Clerk to the Parish Council, Rachel Ducker, on parish.clerk@huntingfield.org and ask to be placed on the email list. It is an excellent way of keeping up-to-date with information about Huntingfield.

Joan Baker - Chair of the Parish



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Help!!

We hope there are people out there who can help us to create a 21st Century website for The Hub. It is appreciated that everyone (almost) these days uses the internet for finding information, accessing courses and activities etc. etc. So, with that in mind, we're asking for YOUR help. Can you design a website for the Hub? Do you have the skills necessary and are you willing to keep the site up-to-date for us? Or do you know someone who can? We may be able to pay a small retainer - so, if you can help, please contact one of the Trustees - details on the back page. Many thanks in anticipation—Sue Lucas Chair of The Hub Trustees

Garden Club Our summer outings to the gardens of our members continued with visits to two contrasting gardens. The large open spaces of 'Hawthorns' would be daunting for all but the most enthusiastic and knowledgeable gardeners, Mike and Tom. In particular they have created areas of interest embellished with quirky sculptures, pots and objects hanging from trees as well as colourful beds of roses and perennials. Evening refreshments were served under cover of a gazebo thus avoiding atmospheric heavy showers. This is the time and opportunity for sharing ideas. It was decided to change the time for future meetings to mid-day during the summer and each of us to contribute food for lunch.



This arrangement was thoroughly enjoyed when we met in sunshine in Sue Brewer's garden. Sue has transformed parts of her garden with major projects on the bank, patio area and surrounding paths. The whole effect is delightful from any angle including her beautiful shepherd's hut. Eventually she hopes it will be low maintenance!

The group's skills extended to the culinary with the presentation of a delicious alfresco lunch after which we shared our chosen pieces of prose or poetry in celebration of gardens and gardeners.

We shared 'The Gardener's Cat' by Patrick Reginal Chalmers, 'Thaw' by Edward Thomas, 'My Wife the Gardener' author unknown, 'A Daughter of Eve' by Christina Rossetti, 'The Love of Gardening' - Gertrude Jekyll, 'The Glory of the Garden' by Rudyard Kipling and Mike read his own poem. Here it is for you to enjoy.

A garden is for pleasure

A garden is for fun

A garden is for working in

And sitting in the sun

To garden is a pleasure

But sometimes is a pain

It takes a lot of work

And needs a lot of rain

Is a garden flowers

Or is it trees and shrubs

You'd better keep an eye out

For those pesky little grubs

A garden is a place

Where you can spend your time

And nothing beats it better

Than a large glass of wine

A garden is a room

Which sits outside your house

It is a place to potter in

And keep your favourite gnome

A garden is for pleasure

For all the creatures too

Some can bite and sting you

But you always will pull through

A garden is a pleasure

Of that there is no doubt

So go and put your wellies on

And help each other out.



Finally, our next meeting is a visit to Henstead Exotic Garden on 8th August for a private tour by the owner Andrew Brogan. More next time. *Sheila 798774*

Regional Furniture Society visit to St. Mary's Church Huntingfield

The society is a group of individuals who study and collect British country furniture, which has been made over the years in all regions of the UK. They held their AGM in nearby Leiston Abbey and visited several interesting local venues including Wingfield College, Ipswich Christchurch Mansion, the Row Houses at Yarmouth and several local churches. They enjoyed their visit to Huntingfield Church, the roof being very much admired. They also viewed Jan and Tony Howe's collection of East Anglian chairs. These chairs were made mainly in the early 19th Century, many from Elm and can be identified by several features particularly the dished or 'hollow' seat. Many thanks to David and Linda for helping to organise the visit and for providing refreshments. The RFS gave a donation to the church. *Tony Howe*



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Notes from the Sheep Pen

Doesn't time just fly by - summer is well on and our lambs are finishing really quickly. As of today more than 300 have been marketed to a very good trade, prices are some 18% above last year so don't be surprised if you see old floppy hat with a 'new one' before long! Talking of the old fella, poor chap has contracted shingles, the anti-viral medication controlled the rash but the debilitating headaches and sensitivity on his head and shoulder has caused considerable amounts of pain, which unfortunately could persist for some time, should we all say "ahh", or should we say "baa"! As well as being prescribed various pain-killers, he is also having acupuncture in the village from our own Caroline Shepherdson, primarily for pain relief. We do hope he gets up to full speed soon as this has been on the go for more than six weeks already.



(clover in flower)

Anyway, that's enough about him - we want to talk about me, me, me! What a funny summer we have had so far, extremely hot and dry at first, when I believe a couple of residents thought we were suffering from dehydration through a lack of water - for goodness sake! What on earth goes on in their heads - rest assured we would soon tell them if we were in any distress. Then we had a fantastic 60mm of rain, have you seen the lovely clover that has taken off? It's worth mentioning that whilst we are not 'organic' he hasn't used any artificial fertilizers for 15 years and only a small amount of sprays for topical weed control during that period. This has allowed the clovers to flourish, which is a great food, not only for our lambs once they are weaned, but also the swarms of bees that come and collect the pollen from the flowers, speaking of which we have now been separated from our lambs and although it is a traumatic period for us both, there comes a time when the kids have to leave home - don't you think?! He tends to separate us each side of the road so that we can see each other and have a chat for a couple of days, from there on we really couldn't be bothered! The lambs received their second worming, and we were checked over for various bits and pieces, now we are looking forward to a few peaceful weeks over the remaining part of the summer to rejuvenate and just chill out! (I think that's what you call it).

The team, in the meantime, is going through the lambs twice a week, selecting those who are in perfect condition for marketing. This is also the period when the young 'Pats' arrive from 'up north'; this year's plan is to rear 300 heifers to become the replacements for the older girls that reached the end of their production cycle. It is a great time for all concerned, as it's always a constant joy to hear the calves blaring away at dawn - waiting for their milk, and then settling down once their tummies are full again and their 'nappies' changed, sorry - their beds strawed up!!

So, for the moment - enjoy the summer in the countryside. *David Hull.*

(We wish you well very soon David—Editors)



Huntingfield Apple Day

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Tim Stanley-Clarke
died 21st June 2017

Tim was a very dear member of the Huntingfield community. We knew and loved the man, but what did we know about him? He was kind, caring and always positive. Tim always had a kind word for everyone - very much a 'glass half-full man'. He was much more than that though as the many testaments to him from his friends demonstrates. He was 'one of the greatest and most colourful characters in the wine trade', he was 'a pre-eminent port consultant', 'a great port lover and expert', he had 'a great sense of humour and enjoyed jolly japes'.

Tim's funeral was on 27th July in Blythburgh, the only church locally large enough to hold his many friends. We send our very deep condolences to his widow, Dounie. God bless you.

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Hub Crafters' Group
Monday 4th September - 1 p.m. - 3 p.m.

Come and join us at this inaugural meeting for an afternoon of crafting of your own choice, see what others are doing or try something new.

As this is the first meeting we will make plans for frequency and format of future meetings - depending on the majority choice.

Tea (or coffee), cakes and friendly chit chat in good supply.
Any questions please contact **Helen on 01986 799103**

Nature Notes - August 2017

Some weeks ago I saw an amazing sight as I drove through Heveningham. It was a greyish slim sparrow size bird that flitted up from the verge, as I slowed it landed in the hedge virtually next to the car so I had an excellent view. It was a Wryneck! These birds, related to woodpeckers, used to breed in the UK in reasonable numbers in old orchards but sadly with the demise of the apple trade these birds are now a rare sighting usually along the coast in autumn when birds from Europe land briefly on their way south. So a bird inland in spring was a big and good surprise. They are fascinating birds with mottled cryptic plumage that blends with the ground where they spend their time feeding on ants. They get the name because they can swivel their heads from side to side through nearly 360 degrees.



(Wryneck)

Although it is still summer, some early signs of autumn have been evident in our parish. You may have noticed some earthworks going on beside the road on the Huntingfield side of the Heveningham Hall estate. These excavations are creating a new lake and wetland area which will add a different kind of habitat to our parish; a large area of reed bed which will be home to a wide range of plants and animals. These should include moths and dragonfly species associated with reed beds and, of course, birds such as Reed Warbler, Reed Bunting, Bearded Tits and maybe even a Bittern. The coastal reed beds in Suffolk such as those at Minsmere and Walberswick are under threat from erosion so having some protected inland sites is definitely a good idea.

So what are the signs of autumn that I mentioned? Well, already some interesting species have been attracted to the large area of water that has been dug out. There has been a small wader called a Common Sandpiper and two Goldeneye Ducks. Both these species breed in Northern climes, possibly Scotland, and move south for the winter so these birds are on migration, something we usually associated with autumn. Another bird seen on the edge of this new lake was a Yellow-legged Gull. This bird is very similar to our familiar Herring Gull which is the large light grey gull that you can see along the coast at places like Aldeburgh. They dwarf the smaller Black-headed Gull and call loudly. They are also partial to chips and will sometimes grab them out of an unwary person's hand.

The Yellow-legged Gull is much shyer and is a very scarce visitor to the UK spending the winter here from its North African and Mediterranean breeding grounds, quite the opposite to most migrant birds.

Barn Owls have had a really good breeding season with many nest boxes locally being used to raise large broods of chicks so do look out for these enigmatic birds as they hunt local meadows in the early evening.

On a recent survey organised by the Waveney Bird Club on the Heveningham estate many different species of plants and animals were found and dozens of moths were identified including our largest British species the Privet Hawkmoth. Amongst the highly colourful arable wild seed mix meadow planted on the estate we saw Cornflower, Corn Marigold and the really rare Corncockle. The abundance of flowers attracted lots of butterflies including a new record for the parish a Grayling, a scarce species usually found on heathland.

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From Therese Coffey—our MP

As this is my first column since the election I want to say a huge thank you to the people of Suffolk Coastal for again giving me the honour to be your MP. I was also delighted to be re-appointed as the Minister for the Environment, ensuring that our environment has the protection it requires as we leave the European Union as well as focussing on coastal and flood defences and air quality.

Since the General Election my constituency work has been firmly focussed on the health agenda - championing patients. I'm highly concerned that the East of England Ambulance Service is pressing ahead with their plans to create super hubs, which would leave no ambulances stationed in the Suffolk Coastal area at all! I'm worried that all the work I and others did holding the ambulance service to account to get them to improve their response times will be put at risk by their proposal - especially in relation to the Stroke 60 target, where patients suffering a stroke have to get to hospital within 60 minutes to maximise their ability to recover. I am arranging a meeting with ambulance bosses so we can quiz them on their plans.

Good news for Suffolk schools. Funding is set to increase as the Education Secretary announced £1.3bn additional funding. This additional investment will be funded in full from efficiencies and savings from the Education Department's existing budget, rather than higher taxes or more debt. Finally, during the last week of August I am embarking on my annual Constituency Tour visiting every town and village in Suffolk Coastal. See page 4 for details of when I will be visiting Huntingfield. I look forward to seeing you.

Dr Thérèse Coffey

Dates for your Diary

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★ Saturday 5th August	Hub Brunch & Book Sale - 10:30—12:00 - page 1
★ Wednesday 2nd August	Wednesday Club - 2—4 p.m. - page 2
★ Friday 4th August	The Meeting Place - 7—10 p.m. - page 3
★ Wednesdays 9th/16th/23rd August	Kids Club - 10 a.m.—12 noon - page 5
★ Wednesday 30th August	Meet Your MP - 3:05—3:15 p.m. - page 4
★ Friday 1st September	The Meeting Place - 7—10 p.m. - page 3
★ Saturday 2nd September	Parish Council Meeting - 10:30
★ Monday 4th September	Hub Crafters Group - 1—3 p.m. - ;age 10
★ Wednesday 6th September	Wednesday Club - 2—4 p.m. - page 1
★ Sunday 10th September	Craft Fayre - 10 a.m.—4 p.m. - page 1
★ Friday 22nd September	Film Night - 'The Girl on the Train' - doors open 7 p.m. - page 3
★ Tuesday 26th September	Bridge - this resumes from 2—4 p.m. on Tuesdays
★ Saturday 30th September	Macmillan Coffee Morning - 10:30—12 noon - page 1
★ Sunday 1st October	Harvest Festival - St Mary's Church - 11 a.m. - page 5

Regular events at The Hub below:

Hub details below

- ★ **Zumba** - Monday mornings 11.00—12.00 (summer break till 18th September)
- ★ **Pilates** - Tuesday mornings 10—11 a.m.
- ★ **Live and Swing Dance** - Tuesdays 7.30 p.m.—8.30 p.m.
- ★ **Table Tennis** - Thursdays at 7.30 p.m.
- ★ **Carpet Bowls** - Fridays 2:30—4 p.m.
- ★ **Wednesday Club** - First Wednesday in each month - 2—4 p.m.
- ★ **The Meeting Place** - First Friday in each month - 7—10 p.m.

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Update on The Hub

All the usual Clubs and Classes continue throughout the summer with the exception of **Zumba** which is taking a short break - the last class will be on 7th August - classes will recommence on 18th September. **Pilates** continues from 10—11 a.m. on Tuesday mornings - this is very popular, so if you've never tried it come along and 'have a go' - Nikki's details are on page 8.

Don't miss **The Hub Craft Fayre** - it was so well attended last year despite torrential rain - look forward to seeing you there. Three new ventures for The Hub start soon - **The Hub Kids Club** for children aged between 4—11 is offering three sessions in the summer holidays, on 9th, 16th and 23rd August. **The Meeting Place** will be a monthly Friday evening opportunity for folk to get together, enjoy each other's company and play games or just chill! **The Hub Crafters Group** begins in September. Looking ahead there are lots of plans for the autumn - **Film Night** is making a welcome return on Friday evenings, a **Bingo** session is planned for October as well as the ever popular **Race Night** and **Apple Day** - it's going to be a busy time! **Bridge** is resuming on 26th September - if you're interested please contact Coastal Leisure Learning for more details. They are also organising several one-day practical workshops for you creative people, again watch out for details in the next issue. We're delighted to be welcoming back the **Open Space Theatre Company** in November. Following a very successful afternoon **Tea Dance** on 30th July, Nick is organising another one between now and Christmas, look out for details in the next issue. *Sue Lucas—Chair of The Hub Trustees*

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