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Spring has sprung...



It seems like the dark and gloomy winter has now been left behind and spring has come to the village. The daffodils are blooming on the village green, the May blossom is lighting up the hedgerows and the lambs are starting to make an appearance.

There are various activities taking place to wake us

up and tempt us out into the sunshine – be it gardening, spring cleaning, shopping at the local food fair, enjoying a leisurely brunch or hunting down those elusive Easter eggs.

Hub Brunch

Apologies to everyone for the late cancellation of the March brunch – unfortunately the cooks were all somewhat under the weather!

The next brunch will be **Saturday 6th April – at the new time of 10.30 – 11.30am.**

The menu will be a selection of dishes including fresh fruit and yoghurt, scrambled eggs and bacon/smoked salmon - rumour has it there may be pancakes!

All for £5, kids half price.

Garden Club Talk



Huntingfield Garden Club is hosting a talk by local garden designer Hannah Sheffield (Thimble Lily Design) on **Friday 29th March**, 7pm at The Hub. Entry £3.

Hannah will share her extensive knowledge and expertise - talking through the design, layout and planting for the perfect border.

Easter Egg Hunt



There will be a Kids Club Easter Egg Hunt on **Friday 12th April**. 4pm-5.30pm.

To take part the children must be registered with the Kids Club (see page. 2).

Village Clean Up

This year's village clean-up day will take place on **Sunday 14th April** between 10am and noon. Come along and help with various jobs around the village, Millennium Green and The Hub.

Refreshments will be provided in The Hub afterwards for all those taking part.



Spring Local Food Fair

The Hub, Huntingfield, IP 19 0QP

Sunday 7th April

11.00.am – 2.00.pm

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Petanque Club News



After what seemed a very long pause since our last match in September 2018 I'm pleased to report we are at the piste again. A number of hardy souls have been practicing our bowling skills with varying degrees

of success. We have 2 new members who have started practice. Michael and Simon are very keen, to the point where they have even purchased proper boules rather than playing with mediocre leisure boules.

This year we have 10 matches to play, equally split between home and away games. The teams are new to us - they being Kettleburgh Bells, BootleShip Petanquing Freston, Das Boot Freston, The Crown Joules Gt. Glemham and Westleton. We played our 1st match on Sunday 17th March in hail showers against BootleShip Petanquing to whom we lost 3 games to 1. One of the games was close run – losing by 13 points to 12 - so we so nearly won the game and drew the match. Our next game is on the 7th April against Westleton at home on the Millennium Green. In view of our first result some of us are going to the Kettleburgh Chequers for some practice on the 21st March so that we can familiarise ourselves with a much harder, free-running piste that seems to be our Achilles heel. We shall see!

Richard Tyler

A reminder that there is a food bank collection point in The Hub foyer. Any in-date packets, tins, pet food or treats but no fresh produce as it can't be distributed in time. It is collected and distributed to local people through the food bank scheme.



Request to dog walkers

It has been brought to our attention that dog waste has been left on the paths through the community orchard and also in places on the Millennium Green. The latter, especially, is an area where children play so please could you keep an eye on your dog when using these areas and make use of the bin provided. Thank you.

Kids Club



The dates for the next two months of Kids Club are: all on Friday - 12th April, 26th April, 10th May, 24th May

Each session starts at 4pm in the Hub and finishes at 5.30pm.

£1.50 per child 5yrs up to 11yrs. We are happy to welcome 4yr olds if accompanied by an adult for the whole session.

On Friday 12th April we will be having an Easter Egg Hunt, with Chocolate eggs a plenty for every child who takes part.

Sally Clarke

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Budding Ideas

This time last year I was writing after what seemed at the time one of the longest winters we had seen for some years - what a difference a year makes! Record breaking February temperatures (albeit short lived), gale force winds and the inevitable March rains. Thankfully some things don't change; the promise of warming days, sudden emerging buds, explosions of colour, the return of the dawn chorus and the business-like hum of bees.

Having a long term plan in place for what you want to achieve from your garden is a good approach; not only because you need time for your garden to mature and develop and you may need adjustments along the way, but achieving the dream garden can be a costly and very time consuming affair - a real labour of love.

Whilst considering your long term aspirations, making sure you take care of the basics now will mean that your garden is kept in good order and with the Spring growing season really kicking in it is the perfect time to give your trees, shrubs and hedges a helping hand, applying slow release fertiliser and lightly forking in around the base.



Climbers are really going to be putting on growth very quickly and to avoid a bit of a tangled mess, tie in the new growth on your roses,

clematis and other climbers. Train along your chosen supports to ensure a good open shape - don't tie too tightly and use a soft twine to avoid damaging the delicate new stems.

Lawn mowing should be well under way by now but in order to thrive, your lawn does need a little help. Apply a combination lawn feed and weed in April to encourage the production of a good healthy green lawn whilst treating broad leaf weeds and killing off moss. Follow this up with scarification and aeration; raking out all the dead and accumulated materials and allowing oxygen to get to the roots of the grass by spiking with a long tined fork. In order to keep those oxygenating holes open for longer brush in some dry sharp sand. It is also the time for creating new lawn areas: turf establishes quickly

Heather's Walk for Christian Aid

There will be 2 organised circular walks (3 and 7 miles) around the Huntingfield area starting from The Hub on **Saturday 11th May**, raising funds for Christian Aid. All welcome. Register/donate from 9.30a.m. Please park on the Millennium Green. You will need a packed lunch for the 7-mile route. Drinks are provided.



with spring warmth and rain. Level your surface, remove stones of pebble size upwards and

tread to firm, which will help remove any air pockets. Working from boards, roll out each turf, laying it flat and tamp down - I use a plank and a hammer. Continue in this fashion, staggering the turf and ensuring the edges are butted up tight to each other. If rain is not as abundant as required do make sure you water your new lawn every day - if the turf dries out gaps will appear and it will look unsightly.

You should also be planting up hanging baskets - use a good base compost, incorporate water retaining crystals and put an old plant tray or carton in the bottom before you fill with compost - this will act as a water reservoir and help keep your baskets moist. Be careful where you site them - nothing guarantees to ruin your efforts more than wind damage and drying out completely.

Finally, I hate to use the 'M' word yet again, but MULCH your borders! It will help to conserve moisture, suppress weeds and, dependent upon what kind of mulch you use, add organic and nutritional elements to assist the healthy development of your precious garden plants.

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Churchwarden's Chat

It seems impossible that the snowdrops have gone and the daffodils are out and we are already two weeks into lent!

The fourth Sunday in Lent is Mothering Sunday when girls in service were traditionally given the day off to visit their 'Mother Church' and provided with a cake to take to their mother. We invite you to our Mothering Sunday Service in church on March 31st at 9.30am. It will be a family service with lots of opportunity for the congregation to join in. There will be posies for mums and breakfast for everybody afterwards.

There has been activity in church both on the visitor front and with hammering and wiring, some from within the bell tower. Patrick has joined the 'church tour' team and we would like to thank him for showing people around.

There will be services at St. Mary's at 9.30am on:

Mothering Sunday, March 31st,
Easter Sunday, 21st April
12th May and 9th June.

Blessings to you and yours
Linda Berry - Churchwarden



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Saturday May 11th. 8pm -11pm



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Notes from the sheep pen... ..and the cowshed

My word, here I am again and hasn't it been glorious. The team who watch over us can't believe their luck and those doom mongers amongst you who tell us there is worse to come - baa to you! We don't care, just enjoy it.

For us, the bonus is a nibble of fresh growth. The boss tells us it compares with you humans having the first local asparagus of the year - whatever that is? He also tells us they have been praying for an early spring after last years drought, which reduced the available winter forage to quite serious levels. Another pleasing thing to report at the moment is that worrying from dogs has been at a low level, so far only two of my sisters have been attacked and seriously injured so perhaps the message is getting through.



We are full of expectation as I write; our first lambs are due imminently and by the time you read this the team will be busy supervising

the lambing. You will be pleased to know that we hardy types are kept outside all year round and need very little assistance to give birth. For example, at the peak, over a hundred of us will deliver our lambs each day and usually fewer than ten will need any help. The important point is for the team to recognise those ten!

This year, we are being moved away from the road until our lambs have been born as it is proving to be too much of a distraction to passing motorists - increasing the risk of collisions between cars. It also has the benefit of reducing the number of phone calls to the boss reporting perceived difficulties.

The girls expecting triplets and quads are at Sibton Park (part of the estate), supervised in the main by Lucy. They sometimes have to be penned up for a while to assess if the ewe has bonded and is capable of rearing all the babies. If there is any doubt they will be collected and penned up at the farm. A percentage of us girls will never be able to rear any, let alone three, and these are then bottle-reared until five weeks of age. Last year the team had over a hundred plus lambs at any one time, hence the decision to move to a less prolific breed, the Romney. Unfortunately, "management" had forgotten that this breed have really woolly tummies and very late in the day they were clipped to ensure their lambs would be able to find the "milk bar" in the first hour of being born - so essential for survival.

I think that's enough from me for now.
So baa until the next time.

It would be easy to think that the gang mess about with the sheep all the time - well that's not so. We bovines are just as important to the good management of the grass around the estate and demand pretty constant attention to keep us healthy and productive.

The winter has been kind so far, although the team has had to be inventive in keeping us adequately fed due to the limited stocks of winter feed available. The shortfall has been made up of some beautiful barley straw, locally sourced and a bi-product of the brewing industry called 'malt residual pellets' - high in protein, but not very palatable. It is amazing what you will eat when you are hungry!

Like 'ewe' a group of us are very close to having our babies, although once calved we will be returned to the Henham Estate for the summer. This year, a small group (sixty) have been cavorting with two Angus bulls and will calve in the autumn. Lucy was able to measure our pelvis' at fifteen months of age and selected those for breeding some six months earlier than previously. These now have been ultrasound scanned and as a experiment she has sexed the foetuses and is able to identify the bull calf carrying girls as they tend to be more difficult to calve. These will be managed differently to ease potential calving problems. I think that brings you up to date for the moment.

Moo to you all, Pat

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Huntingfield – by Royal Appointment

The following is an edited version of an article passed on to *The Hare* by a local resident. We believe it was written between 1914 and 1929 as part of a series of articles on Suffolk parishes for the *East Anglian Daily Times*. Yeoman was a pseudonym for R.T. Cooper of Ipswich. Some of you will be aware of the village's royal connections but we hope you enjoy reading this rather flamboyant text as much as we have.

Representatives of several noble families are linked with the story of Huntingfield, whose very name seems an inspiration, suggesting as it does the wild thrill of the chase and all the gay pageantry and splendid figures associated with an ancient sport. The queen who reigned over England at the time our gallant seamen were harassing the Spaniards on the Main and making their names feared wherever they sailed their cockleshells of ships against the might galleons of the foemen, paid a visit here when her cousin was lord of the manor, and is alleged to have shot a deer from one of the great oaks in the beautiful park. Her predecessor of unholy memory, Mary, found a stalwart supporter in Henry Jernegan, the elder son of Sir Edward Jernegan of Huntingfield and because of this loyalty Henry was knighted, made a Privy Councillor, and loaded with many other honours. The unfortunate Anne of Cleves also had an interest in this village of East Suffolk, whilst dukes and earls, barons and baronets have all played their part in the making of Huntingfield's story.



Edward Gwavas

But there is another figure, a more humble one perhaps, and yet one that deserves to receive a fair mead of praise. Always, there is a certain fascination about the language of an ancient race. It was left to a man born at Huntingfield to place upon record the

characters of the original language of Cornwall. William Gwavas first saw the light at Huntingfield Hall in 1676 and, after being articled to an attorney in London he removed to Cornwall, where he resided at Penzance. A few years afterwards he took for wife a Cornish lady of St Ives, by which time he was admitted to be the foremost living expert on the Cornish tongue. Several works in that particular language appeared from his pen, and those existing have been preserved in the British Museum.

And how shall I describe the Huntingfield of today? Perhaps I cannot do better than to call it a pleasantly grouped little village situated in the heart of delightful park-like country, with a friendly green on which is

erected the war memorial. This park-like country is no more apparent than in the neighbourhood of the rectory and the place of worship, for the churchyard in itself is a real garden of rest with glorious shrubs, many of which are clipped in various shapes and patterns whilst others are left to spread themselves as Nature intended. It is, however, the view from the churchyard which is irresistibly appealing, a view of rolling foliage and mighty trees, of glorious turf and fruitful fields, a vision of that harnessed beauty which is the predominant charm of the Suffolk countryside. A church existed here at Domesday, but St Mary's, the present building appears to have been erected in the latter part of the twelfth century, and chiefly because of this the visitor is often surprised at the comparatively new appearance of much of the edifice.

Yet, strangely enough despite the different styles which make up the fabric of St Mary's Church, it is undoubtedly something of quite recent date, which is invariably the first item to attract the eye. Nor indeed is this to be wondered at, for so striking is it in appearance, so remarkable in detail, so amazing in the intricacy of the work performed, that one is astonished at the intensity of effort and the labour of love which brought it into being.

I suppose quite a number of people entering a building for the first time gaze instinctively at the roof and it is the nave and chancel roofs in the



church which exhibit such a number of arresting features. "Richly illuminated" is the expression generally used, but in this case it is one which certainly lacks adequacy, for here are representations of angels and saints in all the colours of the rainbow, and the amount of patience and artistic skill required to produce successfully such magnificent results must have been truly colossal.

In ancient days a chantry existed here (*A chantry was a form of trust fund employing priests to pray and hold services for the donor*), and was endowed with lands which produced something in the region of five pounds a year. The charities at present intact consist of lands and tenements, the money from which are used for the repair of the church, the support of the school, and the benefit of the poor.

But what were those great names I have mentioned as being associated with the story of Huntingfield? What was the connection of this pretty Suffolk village with Elizabeth and with Mary? What episodes of historical or political importance have its varied inhabitants known?

To discuss these matters with any degree of lucidity it is advisable to take a brief glance at the different people who have had an interest in the manor. Before the days of the Conquest, we find that this was held by a certain Edric of Laxfield. Will the Norman, however, in his usual charming manner, soon altered all that and one of his most well-known supporters, in the shape of Robert Malet, was the fortunate new owner. From him it was held by one named Walter and the descendants of the latter followed the usual Norman course of taking their name from the village in which they were chiefly interested. So the 'de Huntingfields'



came into being, and it was one of this line, William, who founded the priory at Mendham in the days of King Stephen. The de Huntingfields seem to have been here until the latter part of the 14th century, when the estate fell into the hands of a race whose story was steeped in tragedy, even though it bore the hallmark of greatness.

The next owner of the estates, in fact, was Michael de la Pole, Earl of Suffolk, the same who obtained the King's permission to "make castles of his manor houses of Wingfield, Sternfield and Huntingfield". In 1513, however, as everybody is aware, his descendant, Edmund de la Pole, also an Earl of Suffolk, was attainted (*Monarchs used acts of attainder to deprive nobles of their lands and often their lives. Once attainted, the descendants of the noble could no longer inherit his lands or income. Ed*), and, although the manor was allowed to remain in the possession of his wife Margaret during her lifetime, at her death the Crown stepped in. Later on Henry VIII granted it to Charles Brandon, Duke of Suffolk, who after six years of possession, returned it to the Crown on an exchange basis.



And here it was that we discover a link with royalty – or at least with one who, however briefly, once was hailed as England's Queen. I refer to Anne of Cleves, undoubtedly one of the more fortunate of Henry's wives, inasmuch that she escaped with a pension of £3,000 or so a year, part of which came from the manor of Huntingfield, certainly a

happier prize for a cast-off spouse than the headman's axe and the unyielding block!



Bridget Paston

It was Elizabeth I who, in 1559, bestowed the manor of Huntingfield upon a cousin of hers, Lord Hunsdon. His great-granddaughter married Sir Robert Coke, Knight, second son of the Lord Chief Justice, Sir Edward Coke, who in 1582 had taken as a wife, Bridget, the daughter and heiress of John Paston, whose tomb sits in Huntingfield Church.

In the Coke family the manor remained for some 150 years, for it was not until the middle of the 18th century that it was purchased from Thomas Coke, Earl of Leicester, by Sir John Vanneck, Baronet, whose son, bearing the same Christian name, was elevated to the Irish peerage under the style of Baron Huntingfield of Heveningham Hall, and whose descendant owns the manor today (*in the 1920s it was William Vanneck, 5th Baron Huntingfield, Governor of Victoria, Australia.. Ed*).

Therefore, across the numerous pages of Huntingfield's quiet story many interesting figures have sauntered, and although the ancient manor-house was converted into a castle, which, naturally enough, conjures up visions of battleaxe and long-bow, of stubborn siege and sudden sortie, nothing so exciting seems to have taken place. The tale of Huntingfield, in fact, is a tale seemingly in keeping with its peaceful surroundings, a tale in which the pleasanter side of life appears to have predominated. Yet even in this there is a certain fascination: there is a strange pleasure in gazing back over the rolling years and seeing little to shock the senses, but, on the other hand, much to refresh the mind. Also, there is something almost peculiar in the fact that, although kings and queens have been associated with the place, they have never been the cause of trouble and turmoil, for too often, in the bad old days, where the feet of royalty trod the grim spectre of shattered illusion followed. Thus, even at the present time one can gaze upon the restful aspect of Huntingfield parklands and dream of a peace which has remained practically unbroken throughout the centuries, and which only a person of perverted tastes and mental instability would wish to disturb today.

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Weather report: Feb-March

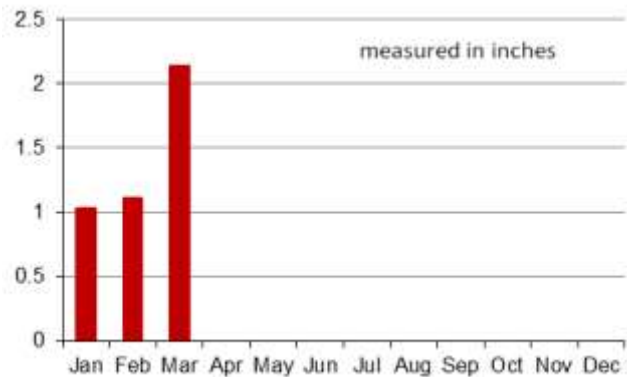
Two months on and February and March have brought some surprises. Firstly record February temperatures virtually over the whole of the UK and an extremely dry month. March too has been dry with several spells of windy weather (more akin to the mad March winds of yester-year), with temperatures around average. On the whole, weather patterns seem so far to have brought us the start of an early spring. Certainly so far we've had no Beast from the East or a Pest from the West but the downside is that we could have a dry summer. Long term the "experts" say that in 25 years time this country will be short of water and we all should do more to conserve water resources.

So what of rainfall totals this year? Well we are quite a lot down on the cumulative totals compared with Jan 1st – March 21st 2018 when I recorded 7.87" (200mm). This year the total is 4.28" (109mm) which is 3.6" (91mm) down. Last year to the end of March there was a further 1.33" (91mm) so we will be close to 5" (127mm) down as

the forecast to the end of this month looks as though it will be mainly dry. I hope that we have some catch up rainfall at some point as continued dry weather will lead to lower crop yields and higher prices.

What is the rest of the spring going to be like .. anyone have a crystal ball?

Richard Tyler



Huntingfield Craft Club

The Craft Club meets on the first and third Thursday of every month between 1-3pm. Actual dates are on the back page. We're a very friendly bunch with a wide variety of skills – from spinning and weaving to pattern cutting and dressmaking. If you've never taken up a craft before but fancy having a go there will be someone there to help and advise.

We also have an informal group (mainly knitters) meeting in the Huntingfield Arms on Monday evenings from 6.30pm.. so if you prefer an evening tippie to afternoon tea do join us.

Helen Cannon



This year's Country Fair is taking place over the weekend of 22nd/23rd June.

If you would like to volunteer as a steward please contact Julie Collett, 01986 798258.

As always we are looking for items for the ever popular Tombola, so please keep new and indate items aside. I will also be looking for people to help in the tea tent and asking for contributions of scones and cakes.

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Tony's Nature Notes

Recently I witnessed three hares chasing each other across a local field. Seeing this courtship behaviour brought to mind the Mad March Hare reference in Lewis Carroll's Alice in Wonderland.

The iconic Brown Hare holds a particular affection for us,



often being mentioned as Britain's favourite mammal. In Huntingfield one is depicted on our wonderful

village sign designed by David Gentleman and, of course, our world-famous newsletter is named "The Hare".

The Mad March behaviour is, as mentioned above, part of courtship and can include chasing, circling and, most notably, boxing. Long thought to be between males this fisticuffs is actually a male/female interaction with the female testing the male for fitness and determination before allowing mating.

Hares, like Little Owls, rabbits and, believe it or not, poppies are not actually native to Britain. They were introduced either by the Romans or maybe even earlier Iron Age settlers. They crossed the English Channel from Continental Europe presumably carried by someone in a bag - don't worry I won't mention the B word!

Outside of breeding hares are more active at night and early mornings and spend daylight hours hunkered down looking like clods of earth at a quick glance. They don't have a deep sleep and are watchful for predators even whilst resting. Their eyes are positioned at the side of the head giving them virtually 360 degrees of vision so it is difficult to approach one unnoticed.

If disturbed they use their longhand legs to show an incredible turn of speed and can accelerate to an amazing 45mph - that's twice as fast as Usain Bolt.

Their young, known as leverets, are born through the spring and summer. Females can produce around three litters of two to four young in a good year: the young are left in shallow depressions known as forms whilst the female goes off to feed.

Our local area provides the perfect habitat of mixed grassland, mixed farming and woodland so we have a very good hare population in nearby parishes.

Sadly, even though Hare Coursing has been made illegal since 2005, nationally the same cannot be said as throughout the rest of the UK less mixed farming is to be found. Also, recently many hares have been found dead or dying from myxomatosis which has crossed over in devastating fashion from their cousin the rabbit.

So do lookout and enjoy watching hares on nearby fields and let us hope that our local hares can stay healthy and in good numbers.



Chiffchaffs, Swallows and Sand Martins have already been seen in Suffolk this spring so keep an eye on the sky for these harbingers of warm days to come. They will soon be joined by other

migrants such as Whitethroat, Swift and, if you are lucky enough to hear one, the Cuckoo. Please let me know if you do.

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Joan's Column

Monday April 1st saw the historic creation of a brand new local authority, replacing Suffolk Coastal and



Waveney District Councils.

East Suffolk Council will deliver essential services to local people and

communities, from Lowestoft in the north to Felixstowe in the south, and is the natural culmination of a partnership between Suffolk Coastal and Waveney which has seen them save a combined total of over £22 million.

The creation of this new 'super district council' is a historic first for local government. The primary reason for creating this new council is to meet the challenges presented by a hugely pressurised financial and service-delivery. It will enable the new council to grasp more opportunities and deliver its priorities for East Suffolk: financial self-sufficiency, economic growth, and enabling communities.

So what will you as taxpayers see that is different? First, the number of councillors is being reduced from 90 across the two authorities to 55 and the elections to the new council will take place on May 2nd. Residents will continue to pay their council tax in the same way, refuse and recycling will be collected by the same friendly and efficient teams and a range of important services from Planning and Coastal Management to Housing and Environmental Health will continue in the same way.

A new telephone number is being introduced for the Council's switchboard and customer contact centre: 03330 162 000. This will be a non-geographic number, meaning that callers will be charged at a local rate, no matter where they call from in East Suffolk.

I have enjoyed my time as a councillor but have decided not to stand for re-election for a further term. I would like to thank my fellow councillors and Karen Forster our Clerk for their support during my tenure as Chairman.

Joan Baker

Hundred Club results

January

1 st	no. 32	John Murphy	£30
2 nd	no. 72	Marta Camus	£15
3 rd	no. 88	Jackie Weare	£5

February

1 st	no. 28	Allan Barnes	£30
2 nd	no. 62	Natasha McCallum	£15
3 rd	no. 95	Jane Aldridge	£5

There are still some numbers available if you would like a chance to be one of our future winners. Please contact me if you would like to sign up at £12 for a full year.

Sue Brewer, 01986 798169

Untutored Life Drawing at the Hub

**29th March, 2019 - 1- 3pm -
£10 for a 2 hours session**



Spend some time on your own work in our un-tutored studio session with the life model. Our untutored groups are generally small (a maximum of 20 people, so places are limited)

with friendly, like minded artists. We will be using a variety of professional models with a mixture of short and long poses.

We provide chairs and tables but please bring your own materials. If you are using wet materials, please bring something to protect the floor. Refreshments will be provided.

For this session, John Quayle will be the Life Model. Further dates and models to be confirmed but we anticipate booking longer sessions in the future, with the option of leaving after 2 hours. No booking required as this is an open session although we suggest turning up early to grab the best position.

We look forward to seeing you there.
Liz Forrester (artish@live.com).

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Kids Corner

Complete the word search and win a prize!!

Although we were told that some of you had fun completing the last word search we didn't receive any entries so why not drop your entry off this time and win a great prize. The first two correct entries submitted to The Hare at 6 Bridge Street, will receive a "sur"prize. The theme of this search is everyone's favourite, Harry Potter.

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What's on – dates for your diary

April

1st Huntingfield Millennium Green AGM, 7pm
 5th Rural Coffee Caravan 10am-12 noon (page 7)
 5th OneLife Suffolk FREE NHS Health Check (page 4)
 6th Hub Brunch, 10.30-11.30am (page 1)
 7th Spring Local Food Fair at the Hub, 11am-2pm (page 2)
 12th & 26th Kids Club (page 2)
 12th & 13th Points of View Exhibition, Cratfield Village Hall (p. 7)
 14th Village Clean up (page 1)
 21st Service at St Mary's, 9.30am
 23rd Mobile library (page 12)

May

1st Circle 67 presents Antigone at The Hub
 4th Hub Brunch, 10.30-11.30am
 10th & 24th Kids Club (page 2)
 12th Service at St Mary's, 9.30am
 11th Charity Walk (page 3)
 11th Ceilidh at The Hub (page 4)
 17th Rural Coffee Caravan 10am-12 noon (page 7)
 18th Eurovision evening, The Arms
 21st Mobile library (page 12)

Regular events at The Hub

Zumba	Monday	11 am-noon	
Pilates	Tuesday,	10-11 am; Thursday 9-10 am	
Jive & Swing Dance	Tuesday	7.30-9.30 pm	
Beginners Italian	Tuesday	2-4 pm (book via Coastal Leisure Learning)	
Ukulele	Tuesday	4.30-6 pm (book via Coastal Leisure Learning)	
Stretch & Strengthen	Wednesday	10-11 am	
Table Tennis	Thursday	7.30-9.30 pm	
Wednesday club	First Weds of each month	2-4 pm	(3rd April, 5th May)
Kids Club	Friday, fortnightly,	4.00-5.30 pm	(12th & 26th April, 10th & 24th May)
Craft Club	1st and 3rd Thursday of each month	1-3 pm	(4th & 18th April, 6th & 20th May)

Mobile Library



The mobile library will be in Huntingfield on **23rd April & 21st May – outside the Hub from 3.10-3.30 pm**. Information on our route (13) can be found at <https://www.suffolklibraries.co.uk/mobiles-home/saxmundham-mobile-library-route-13/>.

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