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Huntingfield Open Weekend



Sat 9th
& Sun 10th June
12-5pm

Join the residents of Huntingfield in a celebration of their village:

Open Gardens

Art and photography exhibition

St Mary's Church & flower display

Bee-keeping exhibition by Leiston and District Beekeepers

Refreshments available: Huntingfield Arms and The Hub

Garden entry: £3 individual, £5 couple.

Tickets and details available at The Hub, Brick Kiln Lane, IP19 0QH

We are looking forward to welcoming many visitors to Huntingfield during our Open Weekend. If you wish to submit art work or photography, please contact Helen Cannon (799103). If you are willing to donate cakes towards the refreshments, please contact Sheila Freeman (798774).

The Garden Club is planning an outing on Thursday 19th July to Bressingham Gardens. This is an open invitation to anyone interested.

For details contact Mike Stephens (798583)

A reminder that there is a colour copy of the Hare in the Huntingfield Arms, in The Hub and in St. Mary's Church or online at www.huntingfield.onesuffolk.net

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Heveningham Hall Country Fair



A reminder to all that I will be coming round on the weekend of 16th/17th June to collect Tombola prizes for the fair. As a village we try to donate a minimum of 100 prizes so please have a good look in the back of your cupboards and drawers for anything

that is unused, in date and worth winning!

Or when you are shopping how about putting an extra tin or jar in your trolley?

A few of you have already offered to bake a cake or scones for the Tea Room, but we do need a lot more. Please let me know when I am collecting if you can contribute a cake. These will be collected on Friday 29th June.

Volunteers are needed to work in the Tea Room. A shift is for two hours either morning or afternoon on Saturday 30th June.

If you are able to help with any of the above please ring Sally on 785348 or email sally.clarke@live.com

Volunteers for stewarding - Julie has a list of existing stewards, but if you would like to help please contact Julie direct - j.collett5@btinternet.com



Many thanks - Sally Clarke

Summer Solstice 10km Charity Walk Thursday 21st June

We invite you to join us on our evening Charity Walk raising funds for EACH (East Anglian Children's Hospice).

Patrons: The Duchess of Cambridge and Ed Sheeran



The walk of approximately 10 km is predominately off-road and through the grounds of Heveningham Hall Estate, taking in some beautiful views rarely seen by the public. Dogs are permitted but must be kept on a lead.

To participate please meet at The Hub at 7 p.m. on 21st June. Here you will register and pay a registration fee of £10.

The walk should commence at 7:30 p.m. returning at approx. 9 p.m. On completion there will be light refreshments and Pimms served in The Hub.

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Celebrations

You will see the article on page 3 from Felicity Griffin - daughter of Howard Dobson - priest in Huntingfield back in the 1930s and 40s.

Felicity is now 95 years old and still contributes her memories of Huntingfield regularly. We wish her all the best in her lovely retirement home in Cornwall.

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



Huntingfield Post Office and the Pony & Trap Stable 1969

The Editors were delighted to receive this drawing of the old Pony & Trap shed which stood where 'New House' now stands. Thanks to one of our regular readers Michael Maybank for sending it in. Michael built New House and now lives in Askern Spa in Yorkshire

Michael says when he bought the land for New House in 1969 the Pony & Trap shed was then about 250 years old. Colin Moulton from Holland Rise took it down for Michael - the timber frame and weather boards to be used for his fire and the pan tiles he sold - at that time the tiles were worth £2 each and were used to patch up old roofs in the area.

More thoughts of past times in Huntingfield

Another of our regular contributors to the Hare is Felicity Griffin - Felicity's father, Howard Dobson, was priest at St Mary's for many years in the last century. Felicity now lives in Truro Cornwall.

Felicity writes, 'I devoured your latest Hare as though I was starved for news of "my village", for so will Huntingfield always remain in my heart and memories. How well, indeed how brilliantly well, you have all done with The Hub and the Millennium Green, it makes me want to come and see all that is going on, especially the Drama and Dance.

I remember producing the play of Alice in Wonderland's story with gardeners painting white roses red for the Queen's pleasure. The 'gardeners' were village children wearing playing card tabards made by Mrs Todd the shoemaker's wife who was then living in Church Terrace. It was all done to welcome the squire, Andrew Vanneck's, new wife to an event in the Hut . This was pre 1935!

You have made me homesick'. *Felicity Griffin*

Wendy Cullingford - died on 2nd February 2018

We are sad to announce the death of one of Huntingfield's older residents. Wendy was born and went to school in Cookley. The family then moved to Sibton Green. Following her school days she worked at Bramfield House as a housemaid, the house had been requisitioned by the troops during WW2; they were still there when Wendy worked there. After her marriage and the birth of two daughters, Shelagh and Jennifer, she worked for Moorlands Milk as a delivery girl, taking milk to residents in Peasenhall and Sibton.

Later Wendy married Peter and they had a son Tony. Wendy became a manager at Red Barn Farm in H'ham Long Lane in charge of the apple pickers etc. On moving to Huntingfield, about 25 years ago, Wendy and Peter enjoyed going to Wilby on Saturday nights where a dance was held in the village hall. Another of her pastimes was to play carpet bowls at Cratfield and in The Hut in Huntingfield.

Thank you Julie - Welcome to Liz

The editors would like to thank **Julie Watson** for the enthusiastic and creative role she has played in helping to ensure the success of the Hare since its inception in May 2007. Rest easy and continue to enjoy reading the Hare Julie without having to proof-read it!

We welcome **Liz Forrester** who has joined the team. Liz has some interesting ideas, to make for a 'punchier' style and a more user-friendly read. We look forward to Liz's contributions in creating an even better Hare in the future.



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Budding Ideas - June 2018

Like it or not, our weather is getting hotter and drier and after a harder winter than we have been used to, the following vigorous spring growth unsupported by much rainfall could well mean that even the most established planting might be starting to look a little tired by now.

This is an opportunity to assess the garden, it's established structure, checking what works and where plants really are struggling to survive which could mean being brutal and changing plants where they are really not holding their own. Here then is the chance to try more exotic specimens which was not possible before. Increasingly, plant choice will have to include plants traditionally more suited to hotter climates, such as palms, agaves and succulents, grasses, pittosporum, etc. Sadly unless you have the time and dedication, traditional English herbaceous borders could well be starting to be a thing of the past.



Obviously you are not going to be changing all your planting so having an effective management regime in place is a must to keep it going, but also planning ahead to be in a better position next year, assuming similar climate change problems. Water butts, autumn mulches and organic soil improvement are an essential part in the battle to keep our traditional country gardens going.

As part of this management, watering early in the morning or late at night is extremely effective, allowing plants to benefit fully from the water and not just letting the water evaporate. Possible looming hose-pipe bans are no excuse - after carting the watering can around you might just end up feeling a little fitter too!

If you can, re-use 'grey' water (i.e. bath water, etc.) - this might seem a bit extreme but it is perfectly useable water for the garden.

By now your hanging baskets and containers are well established and positioned. Bear in mind both are susceptible to drying out quickly, particularly in hot, windy weather. Make sure that you buy a good quality moisture retaining compost (not peat based) and also include water retaining gel/crystals to help the watering go further. If you are going off on that long deserved holiday, move the containers and baskets to a shadier position - they will dry out more slowly and when watered by your helpful neighbour, will make the job easier and the water go further. Try and plant up pots using the polystyrene you get in packing - great recycling and makes it so much easier to lift the pots.



Install an irrigation system if you can but if that's too expensive, a leaky hose pipe strategically punctured along its length and laid along the border, snaking in and out of the planting, will ensure that the water gets where it needs to - drip feed watering is most effective.

It does not need to be hard work but good ongoing management should ensure that the early summer is a time where the garden, despite the challenges of climate, is still looking amazing and (you'll notice a theme here....) you have the time to sit back with a glass of wine and admire the sum of all your efforts!



Lori Kingsley-Adams

Joan's Column

The Annual Parish Meeting, held on 9th May, gave the opportunity for activities and classes available within the village to be showcased. In addition there was a slide show showing recent and past events. Thank you to everyone who helped arrange the evening and to those who attended.

Guy Newton, the Estate Manager from Heveningham Hall, along with Argus Hardy, the Architect, gave an interesting presentation on how the lakes on the estate were created from the original drawings of Capability Brown, as well as explaining some of their future development plans.



A meeting was held in The Hub on 23rd April between Councillors and Parish Clerks from Huntingfield, Ubbeston, Heveningham and the surrounding parishes with the Highways Department and Stephen Burroughes, the District & County Councillor, to discuss the maintenance of the roads, verges and hedges. Several concerns were raised and suggestions put forward to improve the system which will be looked into by Highways. We will keep you informed of the results.

There have been several recent changes in the village with the sad passing of Wendy Cullingford and Tony Coburn both of whom were long time residents and will be remembered by many.

We have also seen the arrival of new families bringing with them the next generation of children which is always necessary to ensure an evolving and thriving community.

There is a vacancy on the Parish Council. The Council is here to look after the village - if you feel you can make a contribution please speak to any of the Councillors or contact the Parish Clerk (details on the back page).

Next meetings of the Parish Council are planned for the following dates:-

11th July, 19th September, 14th November, 9th January 2019 and 13th March 2019.

All meetings start at 7 p.m. and are held in The Hub.

Joan Baker - PC Chairman

Spring Clean the Village Day

Thanks to all who turned out on a not very pleasant Sunday 29th April to tidy the village ready for summer. The cold, damp weather certainly made us work hard and keep at it! The Millennium Green was tidied up with pruning and digging taking place as was the area around The Hub. Thanks to those who turned out later in the week and did their bit then. Appreciation was shown by the MG and Hub Trustees by offering coffee and bacon sandwiches to all who helped. A great village communal activity. Thank you again - editors

Mobile Library

The van calls in Huntingfield on **Tuesdays** every **four weeks at The Hub from 3.10—3.30**

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19th June & 17th July

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Churchwarden's Chat



The good weather has brought out visitors to the church in numbers. This month they have included: The Religious Order of Jesus and Mary, from Felixstowe and the Colchester Vintage Motor Club. (see photo below)

The Church Annual Meeting was held in April, when Jenny and I were re-elected as churchwardens and we welcomed Sue Brewer to the Parochial Church Council. For the first time the PCC of Huntingfield consists entirely of Huntingfield residents!

We do not have any record of graves in the front part of the church cemetery. These are people who are part of the history of our village. I would very much like to record what we can of the graves that we can still read and make a plan for posterity. If you would like to join a group of us to help, please let me know.

There will be services at St. Mary's at 9:30 a.m. on:

10th June, 8th July, 12th August

Blessings to you and yours
Linda Berry - Churchwarden



Just a reminder that there is a Food Bank box in the entrance foyer of The Hub. The food items

collected will be distributed to local people through the scheme.

Please provide any 'in date' packets, tins, pet food, or any treats - please no fresh foods though as it isn't possible to ensure they are distributed while still fresh! If you have something to give but not sure when The Hub is open please phone or email one of the Trustees (phone no's on back page) [email: thehub@huntingfield.org](mailto:thehub@huntingfield.org)



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Hub Brunches

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2nd June - **Full English breakfast**

At the usual price of £5 for food and as much tea/coffee as you can drink it's a bargain. Half price for children.

7th July - **A Breakfast Special** to be cooked up for us by Emma (see Mystery Guest!) and Alistair. The price will still be £5 - half price for children.

A truly convivial atmosphere to get us off to a great weekend!

The Hub Trustees

Hare report to the Annual Parish Meeting

Below, in brief, is a snapshot of the report given to the APM held on 9th May.

We are indebted to residents who are prepared to share aspects of their lives with us through the Mystery Guest articles. This allows fellow villagers to know a little more about people who live locally.

The Hare continues to cover all aspects of life in H'field but we can only include things that people tell us about - so please let us know if there's something you would like included - you may wish to do this through 'A Letter to the Editor'.

Financially the Hare made a small profit last year of £70.85 - over £1,500 has been contributed to the PC coffers since 2007.

Editors

Our Mystery Guest in this issue is Emma Zangs

Hello Hare Readers

Did you guess who I was? Well, now if I say Baguette, Harry the Tramp or Laundry Cottage, you might recognise me. Still not? Carry on reading and you will get a better sense of a fairly new villager.

So, who am I? Good question and I'd love to be able to answer that myself.

Firstly your Suffolk ancestors met my ancestors. As a French Norman girl, my ancestors might have built churches around here in the 11th Century and collected tax...greedy Normans. I grew up near lovely Honfleur but always wanted to leave. It was after my BA in Art History, Film Studies and Dance that I left the Sorbonne's benches for the Big Smoke.

I failed miserably at my English exam so I could not enter for the MA degree. Not wanting to let myself down I decided to spend a year in London learning English. It was incredibly freeing from the French judgmental gazes you get all day about how you look and what you wear. I found a flat in one day and a job the next week. My flatmates were from Australia, Spain and Brazil, and my corner shop lady was calling me 'love'. A bit of a culture shock but I adapted pretty quickly with the help of BBC Radio 4, Bake Off with subtitles and going to morning dance classes. In these exciting new times, I also met Alastair; an uber trendy cool guy working in a design gallery in Shoreditch, who is now my husband. You may see him running on the roads wearing a yellow High Vis jacket.



Emma teaching her students

it allows me to be flexible with how I organise myself. I have an office in London I can use for sessions and the rest of the time I work from home, down the bumpy, dark Laundry Lane.

So how did a French girl and a beardy guy, end up in Laundry Cottage?

Two weeks after our wedding last July, we drove down to Suffolk to check it out. On the journey I looked at estate agencies on my phone and rang them to see if there was anything available to rent. A month later, we were moving to Huntingfield! A month after that, I met Ken Burnett, the talented playwright of the Old Groynes Theatre Company and I joined the amateur dramatic group, straight into rehearsing for the role of Harry the tramp. If you missed the performances in March, not to worry, you can get a copy of the show on the black market.

It has been lovely to be part of the village shenanigans; helping out for the Brunch (stay turned in as I might be cooking a special one soon!), taking part in a QuiGong weekend, the pub quiz and most of all playing in the Petanque League! I've been training with the team up on the Millennium Green and won my first game last weekend.



Emma enjoying a humorous moment with students

My next project is to be working with refugees and immigrants, helping them develop their sense of belonging through dance and movement. In this age where borders divide us and create a fear of the 'other', I believe in being together beyond borders. If you know any organisation that would be interested in talking, please let me know.

Come and say 'Hi' at the next Brunch!

Petanque Club News

Having just completed our Petanque match this afternoon (20th May) on the Millennium Green Piste in lovely sunny conditions, I have to report that we did in fact become the runners-up to our visiting opponents Meadlands Mavericks from Stowmarket, losing 3 games to 1. Everyone played well but the Hares celebrities for today are Emma and Alistair who played a top notch match winning 13 - 8. Steve and I lost by 13 points to 10 in a closely fought contest and the other 2 matches were contested with spirit. Our opposition were a very skilled side so we can hold our heads high despite the loss.

Our previous match was away and played on the 13th May at the Royal Oak in Laxfield against the Royal Oak. In the match we came out as winners (the first for some time!) winning 3 - 1 with very commendable performances by all who took part. So with a new-found spirit in the Club, we move on to our next game which is provisionally arranged for the 17th June at home. Thanks also go to Sue L, Alison, Sue T, Maureen and Emma for their catering expertise for after-match refreshments.



Richard Tyler (Captain) 798403

Ceilidh at The Hub—26th May

What an amazing evening it was! Everyone had a thoroughly enjoyable evening with one local resident announcing that it was the best thing that's been put on at The Hub. Financially the Hub covered costs and made a small profit on the evening with an amazing £79 being made on the raffle - very many thanks to the staff of Halesworth Co-op for donating the raffle prize, also to the manager of the Co-op who donated food towards the buffet. *Hub Trustees*

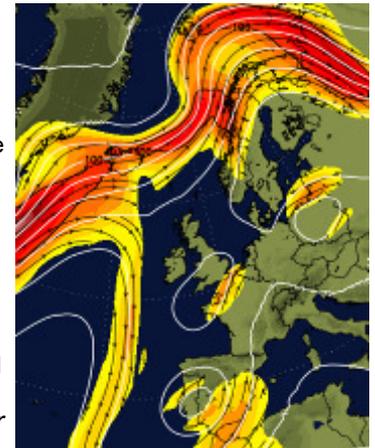
Huntingfield 100 Club

March winners:-	April winners:-
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£15 50 Paul Marjoran	£15 11 Marie Burnett
£5 71 Mike Stephens	£15 49 Malcolm Rackham

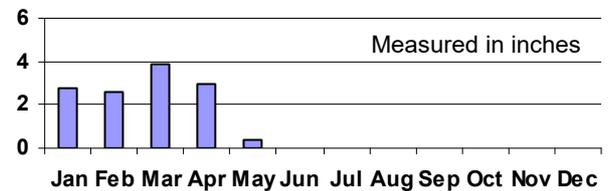
The draw is held at the end of each month and winners will be notified within a few days. *Sue Brewer 01986 798169*

Rainfall in 2018

So, two months down the road, I have to say that the weather has to be blamed on the Jet Stream...again. The oscillating effect of it has been causing periods of dry warm weather followed by cooler wetter periods and now a dry period with temperatures here in the east on the cool side. This time, the associated ridge of high pressure is centred to the east of the British Isles thus causing a northerly lower humidity wind track. At the same time this ridge of high pressure is keeping the wet weather low pressure systems well to the west of us here in the east. So what of rainfall totals? Well, the first 4 months to the end of April this year gave us above average rainfall totals. I recorded 12.18" (309 mm) compared with just 5.8" (147 mm) in 2017, so as you can see the first 4 months of this year were much wetter. However, this May I have only recorded .40" (10.10 mm) compared with 2.83" (71.88 mm) in 2017 and therefore this month is looking pretty dry at the moment and with very little rain forecast in the outlook period up to the end of this month. Notably though, solar totals are on track this month to be the highest recorded for a couple of years and that makes a change from the notably low totals of the first 4 months of this year. To cheer me up, I saw and heard a pair of cuckoos today, the first I've heard in years with one perching on a neighbours TV aerial and calling....spring is OK after all. *Richard Tyler*



(The jetstream position on Friday 25th May 2018—editor)



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Tony Coburn 1949 - 2018

It is with sadness that we have to report the death of one of Huntingfield's long-term residents. Tony was born in Ipswich and started his career in the Royal Navy in 1964, leaving in 1973 as Seaman Radar Plotter. He then trained and worked as a wood machinist, then carpenter/joiner for several years, after which he became a conservation field worker for SCDC. In 1987 Tony was signed off full time work for health reasons, but continued to do small gardening and maintenance jobs. He became progressively unwell and latterly reclusive, helped with shopping and lifts by neighbours who became increasingly worried about his health and circumstances. Tony's funeral and interment was held at St Mary's Church on Tuesday 8th May.

Welcome to our new column about 'Crafty Stuff' - written by Liz Forrester

Fit for a queen

A MINI HISTORY OF CROCHET

Having been invented as a method for producing a cheap substitute for traditional lace, crochet struggled to shake off its reputation as an inferior craft. However, that changed when Queen Victoria gave it the royal seal of approval by buying crocheted lace made by Irish women who were struggling to make a living after the potato famine. Queen Victoria herself learned to crochet, making eight crocheted scarves for veterans of the South African War and by the end of her reign much of England was hooked.



*The word **crochet** comes from the Old French word 'croche', meaning hook.*

1920's and 30's

The twenties and thirties saw crochet make the move from a decorative embellishment to a method for producing entire garments.



1940's and wartime

Crochet became part of the wartime effort in both Britain and the US - women on the home front could contribute to the war effort by hooking up items for the troops. In the spirit of austerity, crochet became a great way of jazzing up existing outfits, in keeping with the 'make do and mend' attitude of the time.



1950's

After the war, crochet evolved with the fashions of the day.



1960's and 70's

The sixties was the decade where the crochet boom really began. Alongside the swinging fashions of the age, there was a huge trend for crocheted home-ware.



The 'granny square' also entered vogue. A simple design, it could be used to make a huge variety of clothes and accessories.



Crochet today

It's never really disappeared, but today crochet is having a bit of a renaissance. From Dior to Dolce & Gabbana, it is a regular feature on the catwalk - recognize that granny square?

Liz Forrester



Notes from the Sheep Pen

Baa to you all.

This has been a very testing year for all concerned. Mind you the late spring was the best slimming diet known to mankind, abstinence, not intentional, but the lack of forage made a huge difference to our figures!!

Grass, our favourite food has exploded since the beginning of May and has enabled us to produce lots of milk for our babies which, you have probably noticed, are making the most of it and are getting pretty chunky!

During the most awful lambing season that "old floppy hat" has experienced, he and the rest of the team were very appreciative of the offers of help and the cups of tea that a few kind folk brought us during those unseasonably extreme conditions. One person who needs a special 'thank you' is Carla from the village who stayed with one of us that was genuinely in some distress until "floppy hat" was able to get there and deliver a live, badly presented lamb. Thank you Carla.

The weather had a serious effect on a couple of the younger staff who had to be treated for hypothermia, one took nearly a day to recover, but she was back helping the next day, that's dedication.

Not to worry, we know that although the team say they never want to do that again, you can bet your bottom dollar we will have forgotten about it by the autumn when the boyfriends come back!!

Well, we hope you all have a good summer and can't wait for the shearers to arrive as we are desperate for a new hair do!

Baa from us and the team.

David Hull

Heveningham Hall Country Fair &

Concours D'Elegance - 30th June & 1st July

During the centenary year of the RAF the event includes no fewer than three Spitfires - they will take to the skies at 3 p.m. on both days for a dog fight flypast with a Hispano, evoking the Battle of Britain that took place during WW2.

Highlights this year include a Shetland Pony Grand National, Stampede Horses, Suffolk Punches and Tractor Parade, Wall of Death, Dog Show, F1 power boat racing and a modern agricultural vehicle display. There is live music throughout the weekend and a wide range of crafts on show.

New for 2018 is Horsepower Hill which will see Concours entrants and selected vehicles burning rubber in a timed 'Drag Race' along the estate's roads. Spectators can watch the action from a grandstand.

The Concours d'Elegance returns for a third year (separate entry at £10 admitting up to four) with 50 world-class cars exhibited on the grass terraces at the rear of the Hall.

The aviation concours returns for a second year with up to 100 light aircraft taking off and landing during the weekend. All proceeds raised go to charity and the estate does not take expenses.

Tickets - £14 adult, £6 child—in advance. £17 & £8 on the gate. For tickets visit www.countryfair.co.uk

Mike Stephens

Found in Huntingfield



A very old card was found in Huntingfield recently - with a picture, very similar to the one here, on the front of it.

The interesting wording of the message inside makes it very poignant. It says:-

With all my undying love and affection from one who is unworthy as ever - from one who never washes up properly, who is unquestionably idle, who is undeniably indolent, who is typically male and feckless, but who is nonetheless an ardent admirer and worshipper.

Jack, El Supremo'

So who is 'Jack, El Supremo' and who is he worshipping? Your ideas on a postcard to the editor please!

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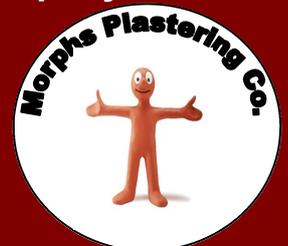
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From Therese Coffey—our MP

I'm grateful to the Clinical Commissioning Groups in East Anglia for agreeing a new six-year deal with the ambulance service which will see an investment of an extra 330 staff and 160 ambulances over the next three years. It has taken considerable leadership to increase the funding for the ambulance service and I am pleased to have worked towards this. I hope it will make a considerable difference, particularly in rural areas, though I'm conscious it can still be challenging recruiting paramedics. The main problem is still about the length of time ambulances have to wait at several hospitals to transfer patients. I have raised this issue with NHS leadership and the Health Minister.

I'm pleased that my department has launched our Clean Air Strategy designed to cut air pollution, save lives and leave our environment in a better state than we found it. The strategy focuses primarily on particulate matter, which affects breathing. The biggest contributor to this is the domestic burning of wood and coal which contributes 38% of UK emissions. It is important that we do all we can to reduce the use of smoky coal and wet wood, which causes damaging particulate matter, but use smokeless coal and dry, seasoned wood. As a result, we will legislate to ensure only the cleanest domestic fuels and stoves will be available for sale. The strategy will also focus on reducing ammonia from farming - which is responsible for 88% of ammonia emissions - by requiring farmers to invest in the infrastructure and equipment that will



reduce emissions. Farmers

will be supported to achieve this through the new system of public money for public goods. The new strategy, which is now out for consultation, is a key part of our 25 Year Plan to leave our environment in a better state than we found it.

Finally, as the first ever woman to be elected as a Member of Parliament in Suffolk, I was extremely proud to attend the unveiling of the first female statue in Parliament Square. Suffolk's very own Millicent Fawcett, pioneer of women's suffrage. The statue marks the centenary of voting rights being extended to women under the Representation of the People Act 1918 and the opportunity for women to stand for Parliament for the first time under the Parliament (Qualification of Women) Act 1918.

(Millicent Fawcett statue)

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Nature Notes - June 2018

At the time of writing the weather is really warm for the time of year with the early May spring bank holiday reaching a record temperature of 28C degrees which has proven beneficial for wildlife. In the last few years the month of May has been wet and cold which has led to creatures such as birds having small broods as parent birds have struggled to keep their young warm and well fed. So this year, due to the fine weather, there are good numbers of insects such as Orange tip and Brimstone butterflies, early dragonflies, including Four Spotted Chaser and unfortunately a lot of House Flies. There also seem to be a lot of Greenfly and other small flying insects as I have noticed a lot being squished on the fronts of cars.

This abundance of insect life has meant that other animals such as bats and birds, that prey on them have plenty of food. Broods of birds such as Robins, Dunnocks and Blackbirds have been seen locally, and other species including Blue Tits and warblers that rely heavily on moth caterpillars could have a good breeding season.



(swarm of bees)

settled in and they had already filled several combs with honey and the queen had started to lay eggs. I find the work that these bees achieve is incredible and as I say I feel privileged to view them at first hand.

Recent sightings have included Common Terns on the Hall lake, good numbers of Swifts screaming around the village and Great Crested Newts breeding in a local pond.

The newly planted reed around the new lake near Valley Farm is growing really well and the ultimate aim of having breeding Bitterns and other reed bed birds will hopefully come to fruition.

On the subject of Bitterns I visited the nearby Carlton Marshes to view an American Bittern, an extremely rare vagrant to the UK, and the first ever for Suffolk. They are a bit smaller and darker coloured than our native Bittern and this one has made itself at home and is calling away. *Tony Howe 785429*

The warm weather has also been very beneficial for bees and I have been lucky to have a close-up view of activity inside some local beehives as Marian and Patrick, from the village, have kindly invited me to watch as their hives were given their springtime inspections. Marian has also collected two swarms locally, this year has seen several early swarms brought about by the good weather. Collecting a bee swarm involves persuading the mass of hundreds of worker bees surrounding a queen, to enter a box.

These bees are then transferred to a hive, something I was lucky enough to witness. What was amazing though was that just four days later that the transferred bees had

Huntingfield Millennium Green



The green is looking wonderful at the moment especially the wildflower meadow with many flowers now coming into bloom. These include white Ox-eye Daisy, yellow Buttercup and purple Vetch, with several other species soon to add to the colourful spectacle. We are having a meandering path cut through the meadow so that visitors can easily walk around and enjoy the scene. The fruit trees all look healthy and were cleared around and pruned during the village spring clean day. We have bought some new football nets with a grant from the HHCFT. They will soon be fitted. The open area is being regularly mown to provide an area for sports and relaxing, maybe enjoying a picnic and do listen out



as the surrounding hedges have birds such as the migrant Lesser Whitethroat singing and breeding in them. Please do go along and enjoy this wonderful local facility.

Tony Howe—Chair of the MG Trustees



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The Community HeartBeat Trust



For those of you who missed the talk on 18th April about the use of our defibrillator we would like to offer some

reassurance to you. The defibrillator is on the wall of the Arms (at the entrance to the car park). It is to be used in a cardiac arrest situation, (i.e. when the heart has stopped beating). The machine will tell you, pictorially and aurally, EXACTLY what to do, so there is no need to worry. We are looking at compiling a list of people who live in the centre of the village who would be willing to transport the defibrillator to wherever it is needed. If you are willing to be 'one of those people' please get in touch with the editors (details on the front page).

Huntingfield's newest resident!



This attractive little mole has recently appeared in the village - if he enters your garden be sure to 'pass him on' as moles can be detrimental to your lawn!

So if he comes to visit - keep him for a few days so he doesn't feel unwanted, then, surreptitiously, pass him on to someone else's garden!

Dates for your Diary

Library Van—page 5, Church Services—page 5, All events are in The Hub unless otherwise stated

★ Saturday 2nd June	★ Brunch - page 5
★ Saturday/Sunday 9th/10th June	★ Huntingfield Open Weekend - village gardens and The Hub - page 1
★ Saturday/Sunday 16th/17th June	★ HHCf Tombola Prizes collection - page 2
★ Thursday 21st June	★ Summer Solstice 10k walk - page 2
★ Friday 29th June	★ HHCf Cake Collection - page 2
★ Sat/Sunday 30th June/1st July	★ Heveningham Hall Country Fair - Heveningham Hall grounds - page 9
★ Saturday 7th July	★ Brunch with Emma & Alistair - page 5
★ Wednesday 11th July	★ Parish Council Meeting - page 4

Regular events at The Hub below:

★ Zumba - Monday mornings 11.00—12.00
★ Pilates - Tuesday mornings 9:30—10:30, 10:35—11:35, Thursday 9—10
★ Bridge - Tuesday afternoons 2—4 p.m.
★ Jive and Swing Dance - Tuesday evenings - 7.30 p.m.—10.00 p.m.
★ Ukulele - Tuesday afternoons - 4:30—6:00 p.m.
★ Table Tennis - Thursday evenings - 7.30—9:30 p.m.
★ Carpet Bowls - Friday afternoons - 2:00 - 3:30 p.m.
★ Wednesday Club - First Wed. in each month—6th June, 4th July - 2—4 p.m.
★ Kids Club - Friday afternoons - once a fortnight - 8th, 22nd June, 6th, 20th July - 4—5:30 p.m.
★ Craft Club - Monday afternoons - 1st and 3rd in each month - 1 p.m.—3 p.m.
★ Yoga - Wednesday mornings 10:30—11:45

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At the Annual Parish Meeting held on 9th May The Hub Trustees presented a report to the village summarising the past year's activities. Here is an extract of that report - 'It's easy to take for granted the great venue we have - it takes a huge amount of time and effort to keep it looking good, we have to ensure it is used effectively, giving people a wide range of activities to attend if they wish to do so, it has to 'pay for itself' so marketing is kept to a high standard to ensure that happens.

The clubs and classes which began last year are still going strong with the addition of several new clubs and activities including **Kids Club, Ukulele, Saturday Brunch and Craft Club**. Four theatre groups have performed recently as well as The Old Groynes. The Millennium Green Trustees used the Hub to stage their Apple Day and Race Night. The Events Group had a Bring & Buy Sale, Film Nights, New Year's Eve celebrations, a Summer Solstice Walk and a Macmillan Coffee Morning. The Hub hosted a Cookery Masterclass, a talk about Elizabeth Garrett Anderson, a Charity Ladies Night, Children's Xmas party, Christmas meal, Carol Singing, a Craft Fayre and various workshops. The new steps and lighting have enhanced the site and give additional convenient parking when needed. Financially The Hub is 'holding its own' with income managing to keep up with outgoings! The Trustees aim to build up a small surplus in order that, in years to come when decorating and other works need to be done, there will be funding available to do this in order that The Hub continues to look good for many future years. If you have any ideas about how The Hub could be better used please let us know by contacting one of the Trustees.' *Sue Lucas—Chair of The Hub Trustees*

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