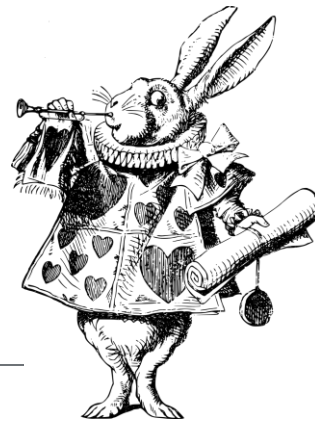


# THE HARE

NEWSLETTER FOR THE VILLAGES OF  
HEVENINGHAM, HUNTINGFIELD AND UBBESTON



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

### Spring is in the air...



Spring is most definitely here!

The first lambs have made an appearance in the field as you come into Huntingfield village (p 3). The blackthorn hedgerows are full of stunning white blossom, cowslips and primroses are popping up in the verges and the birds are certainly singing loudly. When you receive this issue of The Hare the clocks will have changed, days will be longer and you will be enjoying those Easter eggs.



Everyone is invited to join us to take in the early morning sights and sounds of our local bird life. Meet at Huntingfield Church from 7am if you would like to start the day with bacon rolls and coffee (available until 7.30am).

The walk commences at 7.30am.

Tony will be our guide and help us identify both the birds and their song.

A gentle way to start the day then head to The Hub for Brunch @ £7 adult/£3 child

### Huntingfield remembers D-Day



This year the country will be commemorating the 80<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the D-Day Landings. The PCC of Huntingfield Church are inviting you to join them on the Millennium Green from 11am on Sunday 9<sup>th</sup> June. It's your time to gather with picnics and family & friends. There will be teas and coffees available and Emma is even threatening to serve Spam Fritters! We are very excited that Dash Astro

Astronomical Society will be joining us for a short presentation on the moon and stars (suitable for all ages). They will also be bringing several Solar Scopes to enable us to look at the Sun and, hopefully, solar flares. More activities are unfolding so details of timings will be published closer to the date.

### Road Closure



The Country Fair returns this year with all the usual attractions. With the air displays we are required to close the road. Therefore, there will be a temporary road closure from the entrance to Heveningham Hall to the junction at Walpole on 29<sup>th</sup> and 30<sup>th</sup> June, from 3.30 to 4pm. We apologise in advance for any inconvenience this may cause.

*Heveningham Hall Country Fair Trust*

# Hub News

What's been happening at The Hub?

Spring is a time of renewal, the dark evenings have disappeared and, no doubt, we all feel refreshed and ready to take on new challenges. It's a bit like life at The Hub...

The last few months have brought about quite a few changes and, as you know, it is now being run on a volunteer basis by the trustees. Ken Burnett has now stepped down and we thank him for the 5 years he has spent as a Trustee. Continuing the Spring analogy, green



shoots and buds are appearing at The Hub - we have a couple of new classes: Sound Meditation and a new beginners Pilates class which complement our

existing Zumba and Tai Chi classes. It feels like a centre for well-being and wholesome living, doesn't it?

Kids' Club and Parent and Toddler groups take place on a very regular basis. It's so important in our community that we support young people and families in today's society and we would like to think that our villages are happy and safe places to raise a family.

Please remember we have carpet bowls and table tennis tables, so there's nothing stopping you hiring the hall for an hour to spend time with friends... The warm room is also available where you can catch up over tea and coffee. Our bookshelves are replenished regularly and there's a huge selection of fiction and non-fiction books for adults and children, so please do use these.

The Hub is a wonderful resource to have for our villages. All the Trustees feel very strongly about supporting our communities and want people to use The Hub as much as possible. The space is multifunctional - with its underfloor heating and high-tech spec, it's a perfect place to hire, be it



for celebrations, children's parties, music/theatre rehearsals or business

meetings. It's entirely up to you!

Our kitchen is designed to catering specifications and is also available to hire should you wish to get creative and hone your culinary skills! Many of you enjoy our monthly Brunch cooked by Trustees and Friends of The Hub. On that note, we will be increasing the price of Brunch to £7 for adults and £3 for children from April onwards, which is still excellent value for money. When we buy our produce for this event, we buy top quality food and shop locally to support local businesses. As you know costs are rising, hence the need to increase our prices.

Currently there are five Trustees who, between us, are running The Hub. In addition, Alex is invaluable and ensures that it looks clean and tidy for all of us. We have been delighted by the response to our recent request for people to join as Friends of The Hub with help offered in a variety of ways from maintenance to fundraising and everything in between! If you are interested in being part of our team, then please contact us. It doesn't have to be on a regular basis - you may want to help out with Brunch or if you're an 'outdoorsie' person it may be tidying, weeding and maintaining the outdoor space. It's whatever you would like to do and it's good for the soul...

When Spring moves to Summer the gardens are blooming, the sun is high in the sky, a general sense of well-being fills us all... Let's enjoy The Hub together!

*Best regards from The Hub Trustees  
Jim, Julie, Jane, Allan, & Lauren*

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## Congratulations



Congratulations to Zoe, Stuart and Big Brother Stanley on the birth of Molly on 23<sup>rd</sup> February, weighing 8lb 15oz.  
*Julie & David Collett*

## Sheepish update

The ladies are all due from 28<sup>th</sup> March. Unfortunately, over at Heveningham, several delivered premature lambs that didn't survive. Their little lungs are not fully formed to sustain breathing until they are born full term. Those that have survived are extra small and have been taken back to the farm for warmth and TLC until they are a bit stronger. Today (28<sup>th</sup> March) there were 9 lambs born on the corner field at Huntingfield, all fully formed and healthy so it should all be plain sailing for the new mums and babies. They should all be finished lambing in around 35 days: the boys only have a brief holiday in with the ladies, so as to not prolong the lambing season. Fingers crossed for the sun coming out and it warming up during the next few weeks.



Just a quick reminder to please keep your dogs on a lead when near the sheep. They're heavily pregnant and will not cope with stress at this time. They are also prone to getting stuck on their backs or even on their side. If you notice a sheep stranded in this position, please feel free to go over and roll them onto their feet, or let me know so I can check. They normally look back at you and say thank you as they run away. I like to think that's what they're saying anyway...

The brown lambs over at Heveningham are Black Welsh Mountain Sheep. When they are shorn, they are jet black, only when the wool starts to grow back does it fade to brown. They're a lovely looking lamb (now coming up to a year old) and prefer to graze on lower quality grass than the other lambs. They also tend to hang around in their own little gangs, normally looking for mischief, or, if they can, escape and cause mischief. However, they're quick to jump back over the fence to where they should be once they see of my dogs on their tails (not literally!!!).

Lucy

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Nikki Hambling

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## Hundred Club

The 100 Club's aim is to raise £600 a year to help with the upkeep and maintenance of the Millennium Green and Wild Flower Meadow. 100 people each pay £12 a year to enter the monthly draw of 3 numbers. First prize is £30, £15 second and £5 for third. Many thanks to all subscribers.

### January

- 1st Joe Thompson
- 2nd Sheila Freeman
- 3rd Billie Holmes

### February

- 1st Stanley Kingsley-Adams
- 2nd John Murphy
- 3rd Sam Collier

Sue Brewer

## Mobile Library



The mobile library visits monthly, calling at: Heveningham, Forge House at 10.30-10.50 and Huntingfield Hub 15.10-15.30

Dates are 16<sup>th</sup> April and 14<sup>th</sup> May. Details can also be found online at:

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



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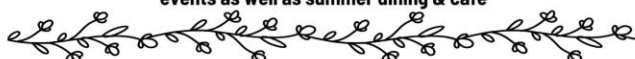
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HELLO  
Spring

Spring is springing and so are we! Come and join us for a Workshop or a Supper Event!

Join us at a special event or book in for supper

### April:

- 21st: Spoon Carving & Supper -The Woodland Haberdasher

### May:

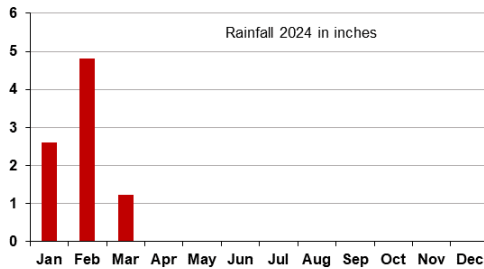
- 18th: Foray & Fire Cooking with Vivia (Sciapod Foray)
- 25th/26: Summer Suppers each Saturday (booking required) and Sunday Brunch Cafe begin

### June:

- 8th: Hedgerow Dyeing Workshop - The Woodland Haberdasher

## Weather report: Feb-March 2024

Sitting here writing my bit for the Hare, I note that the weather is typically more March-like



and very different from March 2023. The forecast leading up to Easter, however, is looking far less settled with both rain, wind and sunny intervals coupled with slightly less cool temperatures so just right for a holiday period!

So, what's been happening during the past two months and since the beginning of the year. Not much frost to talk of (-1.2C, 2 or 3 nights ago) this month but the rainfall is a very different story with only 1.24" (31.5mm) compared with March 2023 when I recorded 4.59" (116.69 mm) so, as I said earlier, much more typical of March. However, February was certainly a "fill dyke" month: I recorded 4.81" (122.17 mm's) compared with February 2023 when I recorded just .34" (8.64mm's). Quite a difference year on year!

So far in 2024 I've recorded 7.40" of rain (187.96mm), compared to last year's 8.64" (219.45 mm), so less this year (*yes, really*), but there are still a few days of March left to come. Sunshine totals for March so far are below par (hence more cloud) and will barely reach average. For the weather trend for the next two months, it's a case of just wait and see but, suffice to say, I don't expect any big surprises either way!

Have a good holiday one and all.

*Richard Tyler*

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## David's Column

At our last Parish Council meeting we were disappointed to receive Clive's resignation as Councillor and we thank him for his efforts in the short time he was with us. We now have a vacancy on the Council, so if any of you think that it is something you would be interested in doing please contact one of your councillors to find out what is involved.

Contact details are on the website

<https://huntingfield.onesuffolk.net/huntingfield-parish-council/>.



Residents are invited to share their views on how they travel to

help inform Suffolk's Local Transport Plan. The plan sets out a long-term vision for transport in Suffolk for the period up to 2040. Key themes covered are strengthening the local economy, social inclusion and creating better connected places. To have your input use the link <https://www.suffolk.gov.uk/roads-and-transport/transport-planning/suffolks-local-transport-plan> before 8th April

Please be aware that very recently we have had late night trespassers in and around the village as well as night flying drones with bright lights. If you see anything that gives you cause for concern please do not hesitate to contact the police.

On a more positive note our new marquee has arrived. It is for the use of the whole village so if you are organising a village event please do not hesitate to ask to use it. At our last meeting it was also agreed to purchase a new storage hut for The Hub using the Community Infrastructure Levy funds so if you see something being built in The Hub car park, that is it.



We are so lucky in this village to have the pub, The Hub and the Church. All three make a great effort to hold events which thoroughly enhance the social life of the village for the benefit of us all. Thank you all for your continued support of these events, it is much appreciated. Here's to an 'eventful' summer.

*David Blackmore*

*Chair, Huntingfield Parish Council*

# Nature Notes



Although at the time of writing spring is officially here the weather is generally quite cold with blustery chilling winds.

Thankfully, it has stopped raining and things are drying out and, with longer days, several signs of spring are on show despite a lack of warming sunshine.

Whilst many flowers are in bloom in hedges and gardens the trees are yet to come into full leaf which still gives a wintry feel to the landscape.

Already, butterflies in the form of the



Brimstone are visiting the fresh spring flowers in local gardens: its buttery yellow colour is why butterflies are called butterflies.

Other pollinators such as the Buff-tailed Bumblebee are seeking nectar as are many species of moth. Their



beautiful colours are generally unseen by most of us as they go about their nocturnal business. They

will however be noticed by nighttime hunters: bats that have just awoken from their winter hibernation.

These expert flyers include species such as the diminutive Pipistrelle and the largest UK species, the Noctule. They all use sonar, ultrasonic sound waves, that they generate by squeaking. These bounce back from the prey item and is picked up by their ultra-sensitive hearing, enabling the bat to swoop down and grab the prey which they usually devour in flight.

Moths will also be laying thousands of eggs on the newly emerging tree leaves. Large numbers of caterpillars will subsequently hatch and start to devour

the fresh green foliage. These, in turn, provide super protein-rich food for young birds and mammals that will hatch out during April and May.



Without species such as Blue and Great Tits and other birds that feed on these caterpillars the trees could be stripped of foliage. It's amazing to think that a pair of Blue Tits will raise a single brood upwards of six young from hatching to fledging in just 14 days. Imagine raising six children to teenage in the same time!

Summer migrant birds will soon be arriving in large numbers. Swallows, House and Sand Martins have already been noted in Suffolk. My first sign of spring is the 'squeaky wheelbarrow' call of the Chiffchaff, already singing locally. Another sound to listen out for is the Cuckoo. Local sightings of this spring icon have increased in recent years because the local population of a 'foster' species, the Reed Warbler has also increased due to the newly-created reedbeds around the Heveningham lakes. So do listen out for the Cuckoo amongst all the other beautiful sights and sounds of spring as the sun strengthens and the weather finally warms up.

*Tony Howe*

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## Church Chat

Many thanks to everyone who came and enjoyed another beautiful performance given by Aurora Consort. The church was packed which really helped to kick-start our fund-raising quest for funds to update and 'future proof' the lighting in the church. As the concert proved the acoustics are already 'top notch'.  
*Huntingfield Church PCC.*



*Q: How do you transport a straight ladder up a very narrow and winding staircase?*

*A: You don't, you haul it up the outside...*

David Blackmore and Paul Ward recently replaced a very old and rotten wooden ladder that allows access to the roof of the Church tower. They had to haul the new metal ladder up the outside on a lovely bright and sunny morning. Apparently the views from up there are amazing! Thanks to both and also to he who shall not be named for his excellence in knots.

## Hub & Millennium Green AGMs

The Hub and Millennium Green Trustees are pleased to announce AGMs to take place on the evening of Tuesday 7<sup>th</sup> May starting at 7:30pm in the Hub. The Hub AGM will be first, followed by the Millennium Green AGM at approx. 8:30pm. There will be a glass of wine and nibbles. Please come along; we need your feedback and ideas.

You may have heard a rumour that the Hub is bankrupt. The Hub Trustees can assure you that this is not the case and the various ring-fenced funds we are holding are fully protected. Please come to the AGM to get the facts. We are very grateful to Ken for the expertise and leadership he has brought to the Hub; he has been a Trustee for 5 years and has decided that it's simply time to step down. The Hub Trustees would like to thank him for his support.

*Trustees of the Millennium Green & The Hub*

## Garden Club



It's certainly feeling more like gardening weather and exciting to see all the spring flowers and green shoots

slowly appearing. The Garden Club can now cease its winter hibernation in The Hub and emerge into the spring sunshine to enjoy some outdoor activities.

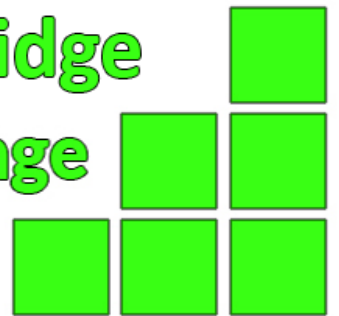
In April we have been very kindly invited to Manor Farm once again. Put Friday 19<sup>th</sup> April in your diary to enjoy an afternoon stroll around the lovely grounds.

May's meeting will take the form of a visit to Woottens Spring Plant & Garden Fair on Sunday 5<sup>th</sup> May. This regular event hosts a wide variety of plant nurseries together with local food and crafts. More details can be found at:

<https://www.woottensplants.com/blog/woottens-spring-plant-garden-fair-5th-may-2024/>

*Helen Cannon, Dunstan Moore*

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# Country Fair



This year's Fair will take place on the 29<sup>th</sup> - 30<sup>th</sup> June and we need YOUR help. All the money raised over this fantastic weekend is given to Charity, which includes YOUR village and YOUR church! If you would like to see where last year's money went please look on the Charity Commission website or follow our social media

'heveninghamhall' for regular updates.

Not able to help on the weekend? Maybe you could donate a tombola prize or make a cake for the tearoom. For more information please contact your village rep. Tombola prizes can be anything you like from a 99p colouring book to a Magnum of Champagne! All we ask is that they are new and, if a food or beverage, also in date. These will be collected from you by your rep, or contact them for details.

Able to help on the weekend? Plenty of jobs to choose from: serving tea and cakes, general stewarding around the site, programme selling or maybe you would prefer to scan entrance

tickets? All we ask of you is approx. 2 hours of your time, and the rest of the day is for you to enjoy the fair.

There is a Brief Health and Safety meeting on Tuesday 25<sup>th</sup> June at 6.30pm where you will also be able to collect your wristband that gains you free entry to the fair on the day you are helping. This is followed by a free supper, maybe fish & chips or hog roast, come along and see!

I will be contacting those whose email addresses I already hold. Everyone else, please contact your village rep. Thank you to all that help or donate, and if you are unable to do either, please come along over the weekend and enjoy this year's Country Fair.

*Julie Collett*

*Volunteers Co-ordinator, 07766 654 599*

Sally from Huntingfield says:

I will be collecting Tombola prizes the week of 13<sup>th</sup> May, Mon through to Sunday. (There is Music on the Green on the 19<sup>th</sup> so I can take them off your hands there.) Cakes can be delivered to me Fri 28<sup>th</sup> June after 2pm or brought to the Tearoom on Saturday if you are volunteering.

**Village Reps:**

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## St Margaret's Church, Heveningham with Ubbeston



We started March with our first coffee morning and welcomed local villagers with tea, coffee and cake. This was a lovely chance to get together and meet new people from our local villages. We also discussed fundraising ideas and have the start of an events committee to

help plan for future events. If you would like to join us, please get in touch.

Our Sunday service this month fell on Mother's Day and we held a family service celebrating a Mother's love across the world and ages, in association with the Mother's Union charity and our service also raised money for this good cause.

March also hosted the Walk the Way of the Cross event and a Pilgrimage was held across the 14 churches of the Blythe Valley benefice, led by Rev'd Dominic Doble.

### Dates for your diary

**14<sup>th</sup> April**, 10am – Holy Communion service  
**16<sup>th</sup> April**, 10am – Coffee morning and book sale  
**21<sup>st</sup> and 25<sup>th</sup> April**, 10.30–12.30 – Churchyard tidy up. Please come and join us to help out with preparing our churchyard for the summer. Refreshments available.  
**1<sup>st</sup> May** – AGM and PCC Meeting. 7pm Venue to be confirmed. If you are on our electoral roll for Heveningham with Ubbeston then you are welcome to attend this meeting.

All details of events are also available on our church notice board. Please drop by and pay us a visit.

With thanks as always for your support.

*Jeanette, Church Warden*


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## Plant Pots Wanted




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## Arms Events

March has certainly proved to be a very busy month with Mother's Day, Easter and also our very successful Murder Mystery Evening at The Hub. It was hugely enjoyed by all and well worth the massive effort from our team. Many thanks to all.

table 9

We're now looking forward to a, hopefully, balmy summer with regular live music on the Green. We kick off on May 5<sup>th</sup> with Table 9, a four-piece outfit with a variety of songs from bands such as Dire

Straits, The Eagles and Stereophonics. We have a further nine bookings for the summer months so do keep an eye out for our listings in the pub.

It would appear that our special events are proving far too popular and sell out very quickly. We have a couple of foodie evenings – Chinese on 11<sup>th</sup> April and an Italian buffet on 9<sup>th</sup> May. Both are now fully booked!



Looking much further forward we recently announced an evening of comedy and magic with Andy Leach and Richard Whymark on Saturday, 19<sup>th</sup> October at £30 per

head. The evening includes a 2-course dinner with table magic and a comedy/magic stand up show. We're really looking forward to welcoming them to Huntingfield. Once again this was sold out within two days. We can put you on a waiting list for a cancellation. However, if you would like to hear of these events as they are announced please ask to join our weekly mailing list.

*Sara & Steve, 01986 798320*

## Petanque

Sunday 17<sup>th</sup> March was our last game of the Winter season which concluded with a 2-1 win seeing us finish 4<sup>th</sup> in the division out of 8 teams. At least we were in the top half! Our first game of the summer season is on 7<sup>th</sup> April. Having won our division last year, we

have been promoted to Division 3 so are looking forward to playing some different teams. Keep reading the Hare for updates.

*Julie Collett, Captain  
Huntingfield Hares*



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# History Corner

By the time you read this Laxfield & District Museum will have already opened its doors to visitors for the 2024 season.



One of our new acquisitions is the Peasehall School Honours Board showing children, who had earned the privilege of Head Boy, listed as Sir Galahad and Head Girl, described as Maid of Honour, followed by a

list of Senior Prefects from 1929 until war broke out in 1939. We have put the board on display downstairs in the Parish Room. You will probably recognise many familiar local names here.

The museum team started researching the names that appear on the board and one particularly poignant story emerged: that of a Senior Prefect in 1936, Richard Stiff. We were given photographs of Richard, which show him as a young boy tending his horse and then in army uniform.

## Richard William Stiff (1923-1943)

Richard Stiff was born in 1923, the son of Lily Ethel Stiff and later, stepson of George Albert Pearce, who was born in Sibton. George was living in Peasehall when he and Lily married in 1930 and went on to have two children, half siblings to Richard. In 1939 Lily and George, a farm worker, were living with their two youngest at Bungalow Fruit Farm, Peasehall which appears to be near Manor Farm or Punchard's Farm.

Richard was just 13 years old when his name was added to the Peasehall School Honours Board as a Senior Prefect in 1936. He subsequently joined the Royal Air Force Volunteer Reserve during the war, where he served as Flight Sergeant 1335635 in the 423 Squadron. Tragically, he lost his life in a plane crash over the Irish sea in November 1943, aged only 20. The aircraft was flying a convoy escort mission when the crew reported engine trouble and their intention to return to base. Strong sea conditions were reported at the time and the aircraft was lost without trace.

Richard's body was never recovered, but his death in honourable service is commemorated both locally, on the Peasehall War Memorial, and also on the Runnymede Memorial in Egham, Surrey, dedicated to over 20,000 men and women from the air forces of the British Empire lost in air operations during the war. A sad tale, indeed.

Lynne Ward

Museum opening times are 2-5 every Saturday & Sunday & Bank Holiday until the end of October. Additional opening from 9.30-12.30 on Laxfield Community Market days.

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## Your Parish Council

### Ubbeston Parish Council



Ubbeston Parish Council met on 11<sup>th</sup> March 2024; all 5 councillors were in attendance along with the new Clerk and Responsible Finance Officer to the PC. Reports from County Councillor Stephen Burroughes and District Councillor Julia Ewart are

available to view on the website.

Defibrillator update – Hook2Sisters have confirmed that the power socket for the new defibrillator is now in place. Delivery of the defibrillator is expected in the next few weeks so we hope to be able to update soon that it is in place and ready to use if needed.

Flooding concerns were discussed and it was agreed that the parish council would liaise with neighbouring parishes to address any issues.

A huge thank you goes to Julie Collett for all her hard work and the support she has given to the Parish Council and the village during her time as Clerk, we wish her all the best. The next meeting of the PC will be Monday 13<sup>th</sup> May, immediately following the Annual Parish meeting which will commence at 7pm at The Hub, Huntingfield.

Angela Colbridge

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### Heveningham Parish Council



The most recent meeting of the Parish Council took place on Wednesday 20<sup>th</sup> March 2024. The Chair thanked the new Clerk and

Responsible Finance Officer for taking on the role and welcomed her to the PC. District Councillor Julia Ewart was in attendance at the meeting. Councillor Ewart's report and County Councillor Stephen Burroughes report can both be viewed on the website.

A number of local issues were discussed including: pot holes, road markings, traffic calming measures and flooding. An update was given on Bell Meadow, including noting the receipt of lottery grant funding of £18,915 for additional items in the play area.

A huge thank you goes to Julie Collett for her hard work and the support she has given to the Parish Council and the village during her time as Clerk. We wish her all the best. The next meeting of the PC will be on Wednesday 15<sup>th</sup> May 2024, immediately following the Annual Parish meeting which will commence at 7pm at The Hub, Huntingfield.

Angela Colbridge

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## Huntingfield homes

I recently ran a search on the Old Laundry (the pink "shed" next to Laundry Cottage). Looking through previous census' it is difficult to pinpoint exact addresses in the village as there was no house numbering system – so there are numerous entries with the same address, i.e. The Street, Huntingfield. You can only assume that the census collector went from door to door and piece together his path from house to house... although this isn't always necessarily correct.

Of course some are obvious, such as Maltings Cottages, Church Terrace, The Huntingfield Arms and The Post Office Stores. However, the 1939 Register throws up some rather odd addresses that have caused much head-scratching. I can only assume that the names have changed or some no longer exist. So, if anyone can shed any light on the following properties please do get in touch..

Granmere Bungalow (Household head, Frederick Green) and Bungalow Farm (Head, Fred J. Downsborough). These are listed together so I assume they are connected and were, perhaps, located on the Cratfield or Linstead Roads?

Two Fertree (Firtree?) Cottages are listed: one with pensioner Annie Mudd as sole occupant and one with six occupants – the Merry-West family who appear to be Fruit Growers.

One of the most intriguing is a property listed as Labelle Maison! This is the home of retired Estate carpenter Walter Ransby along with William and Elizabeth Newson (Head Gardener and School Teacher) and Farm Carter, Dennis Creasey. An odd name in a rural village in 1939?

There is a listing on Cratfield Road called Duncraggan, home of Charles and Charlotte Anderson and also one for Neaver Farm where the Farm Bailiff, Jethro Page resided. Any ideas on these?

Helena Cannon ([hcannon50@gmail.com](mailto:hcannon50@gmail.com))



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# What's on – dates for your diary

## April

5<sup>th</sup> Eco Warriors Wildlife Activity Day  
11<sup>th</sup> Chinese Night, The Arms, p 9  
13<sup>th</sup> Huntingfield Village 70s Disco, p 7  
14<sup>th</sup> Holy Communion, St Margarets, p 8  
16<sup>th</sup> Coffee Morning & Book Sale, St Margarets, p 8  
16<sup>th</sup> Mobile Library, p 3  
19<sup>th</sup> Kids Club parent/carers Feast  
19<sup>th</sup> Garden Club Visit, Manor Farm, p 6  
21<sup>st</sup> and 25<sup>th</sup> Churchyard tidy up, St Margarets, p 8  
27<sup>th</sup> Morning Chorus bird walk, p 1  
27<sup>th</sup> Brunch at the Hub, 10-11am

## May

1<sup>st</sup> St Margarets AGM and PCC Meeting, p 8  
5<sup>th</sup> Garden Club outing, Woottens Plant Fair, p 6  
6<sup>th</sup> Live Music at The Arms, p 9  
7<sup>th</sup> Millennium Green & The Hub AGM, p 6  
8<sup>th</sup> Huntingfield PC APM & AGM, The Hub, 6.30pm  
9<sup>th</sup> Italian Buffet, The Arms, p 9  
13<sup>th</sup> Ubbeston PC APM & AGM, The Hub, 7pm  
14<sup>th</sup> Mobile Library, p 3  
15<sup>th</sup> Heveningham PC APM & AGM, The Hub, 7pm  
19<sup>th</sup> Millennium Green Plant Sale, p 7  
25<sup>th</sup> Brunch at The Hub, 10-11am

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## Regular events at The Hub

Kids Club Every second Friday, The Hub, 4-5.30pm  
Baby & Toddler Group Every Friday during term times, 9.30-11am, £1 per family  
Pilates Thursday a.m. (contact Orchid Fitness for details 07899 888778, [nikkihambling@gmail.com](mailto:nikkihambling@gmail.com))  
Yoga Tuesday, 6.30-7.30pm, £7 per class. (Contact Hayley 07776184943)  
Tai Chi Monday, 2-3pm (contact Cindy Engel, [cindywildhealth@gmail.com](mailto:cindywildhealth@gmail.com))  
Zumba Every Thursday, 11am-noon, £7 per PAYG session  
Relaxation Class with SarahLou Third Monday of the month, £15 pay as you go. £50 for the 4 sessions

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## Upcoming Events

9<sup>th</sup> June, D-Day 80<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Celebrations, Huntingfield Millennium Green, see p 1  
29-30<sup>th</sup> June, Heveningham Hall Country Fair, see p 7  
19<sup>th</sup> October, Magic & Comedy Evening, p 9  
16<sup>th</sup> November, Race Night, The Hub

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