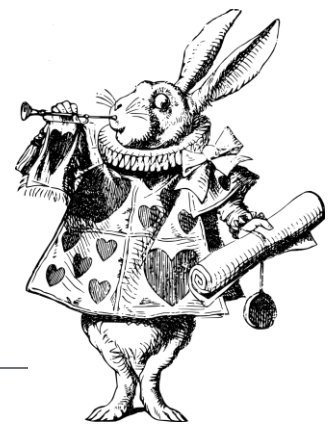


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HEVENINGHAM, HUNTINGFIELD AND UBBESTON



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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.

Moth Breakfast



A full report of the event and findings can be found on p 15.

There was a fabulous turnout of over 40 adults and children for the moth breakfast at St Mary's Church on a rather dreary Saturday morning in July.

MACMILLAN CANCER SUPPORT

Coffee Morning

**Saturday 16th September
at The Hub, 10am-noon**

A Coffee Morning is the perfect chance to catch up over a cuppa and a slice of something delicious for a great cause. One in two of us will face cancer, and the money you raise at the Coffee Morning will help everyone with cancer to live life as fully as they can.



Cake donations appreciated. Please bring them along on the day.



**How many
times do
we have
to ask?**

PLEASE CLEAN UP AFTER YOUR DOG!

Recently there have been reports of a lot of dog poo left around the children's play area at The Hub and on the Millennium Green. It easily gets transferred onto the play equipment and thus to the children playing.

Dog fouling is not only deeply unpleasant, it is dangerous. Whilst rare, contact with dog excrement can cause toxocarthritis – a nasty infection that can lead to dizziness, nausea, asthma and even blindness or seizures. Would you wish this on your child, grandchild or anyone?

There are dog waste bins at the entrances to the footpaths and Sue Brewer very generously fills the bottle bag dispensers. You can also use the normal litter bins for dog waste so there is really no excuse.

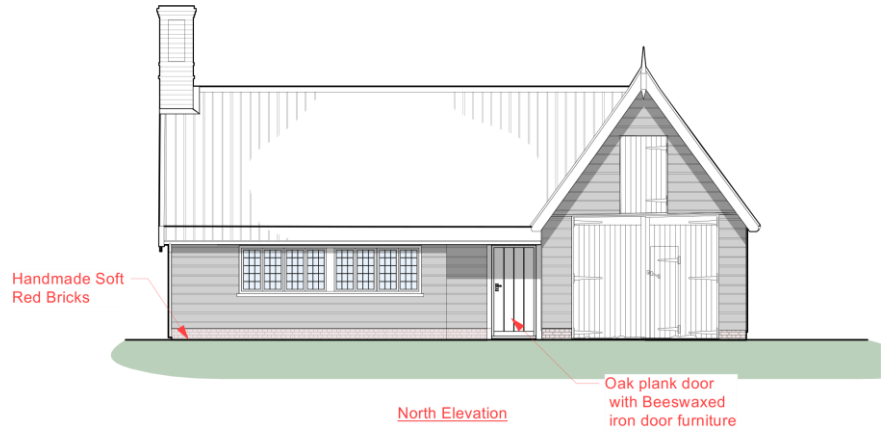
We are aware that the majority of dog owners are caring and responsible, but there appears to be a few who believe they are above the law – yes, it is an offence to fail to clean up after your pet and Suffolk Council encourages people to report offenders to the environmental health team. The owner or person in charge of the animal can be issued with a Fixed Penalty Notice of up to £100. If the case goes to court this could cost up to £1,000.

This isn't the first time we have made this plea in the Hare so please take note and **pick up!**

Farewell to The Forge

In June Huntingfield said a final farewell to The Forge, which has been sadly derelict since an unfortunate accident five years ago - almost to the month, as it happened on the day of the Country Fair in 2018. Planning permission has been granted for the Heveningham Hall Estate to extend a barn on the site into a dwelling which will replace The Forge although there is currently no timescale for construction to take place. .

Details can be found on the Suffolk Planning website <https://publicaccess.eastsuffolk.gov.uk/online-applications>. Search for DC/22/1181/FUL.



Mobile Library



The monthly mobile library visits are on Tuesday 8th August and 5th September at the following locations:

Forge House, Heveningham at 10.30am and The Hub, Huntingfield at 3.10pm

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Church Chat



We are so lucky in Huntingfield to have assets such as the pub and the church. They both bring lots of visitors to the area. As always at this time of year we

welcome people to the Church on a daily basis from all over the world. If you have a spare minute or two take a look at the visitors' book: in one week we recently had people from Vancouver, California, Florida and Auckland.

As a small, rural village church we rely heavily on the generosity of our visitors and with our monthly Insurance premium increasing to £160 we are doing all we can to keep St Mary's on the map. The lighting in the church has recently been upgraded, making it easier to see the wonderful detail of the painted ceiling. This was made possible with funding from the Heveningham Hall Country Fair Trust.



Recently we hosted the Archdeacon, Rich Henderson's Visitation. This is a formal church service at which the new Rural Dean, Josh Bailey was licensed and the churchwardens across the Archdeaconry are admitted. A lovely congregation of around 80 souls sang with great gusto which was lovely to hear.

St Mary's is now enlisted with the Eco Church Community, backed by a charity called A Rocha UK. Their aim is to support and advise on our activities that are geared towards caring for the environment and helping us "go green" in all areas of the church's life.

Taking a slightly different approach, we have also registered with Screen Suffolk as an historic location so, fingers crossed, the church may feature in the new Bond film or Ed Sheeran's latest offering!!

There are lots of events coming up which should appeal to people of all ages so please come along and get involved.



Join in Suffolk Historic Churches Trust Ride and Stride event on 9th September, raising money for Suffolk churches. If you are

sponsored then half of the monies raised comes to our church so it's time to dust off the bike and join in the fun. Details can be found at <https://shct.org.uk/ride-and-stride/>.

On 16th September you can bake a cake and drink some coffee at the Macmillan coffee morning (see p 1) or, at the end of the month, celebrate this year's harvest at our popular Harvest Supper. Booking is essential so check the details on p 5.

In October we will be rocking in the aisles by welcoming Suffolk's friendliest choir, "Pop Chorus" to the church for a night of pop and rock to raise money for Halesworth Dementia Carers Fund (see p 9).

Emma Ward, Churchwarden



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St Margaret's Church, Heveningham with Ubbeston

It's summer and the schools are out so St Margaret's Church in Heveningham are arranging some great events for the family and kids! We look forward to welcoming you to join in our fun days during August, details below.

Also our church is open everyday to pick up a book from our little library at the back of the church, or just sit and reflect in the lovely cool interior. We hope you will join us.

Chris and Jeanette, Church Wardens

Summer Events
St Margarets Church
Heveningham IP19 OEA

EVENTS ARE FREE BUT DONATIONS ARE APPRECIATED TO COVER COSTS AND GO TOWARDS THE UPKEEP OF THE CHURCH.

2nd August
11.00 - 12.30
Teddy Bears Picnic

Bring your teddys and a picnic for a fun play session and rhyme time.
For ages 0 - 3 years

10th August
12.30 - 13.30
HANDBELL WORKSHOP

A fun interactive workshop for all ages. Come along to enjoy the music or have a go.
Refreshments provided.
Parking available.

15th August
10.30 - 12.00
Dotty the Pony

Come and meet Dotty the Pony.
Learn about pony care and have a pony ride, subject to age and weight due to H&S guidelines.

Pony rides are available at an extra cost

21st August
13.00 - 15.00
FAMILY FUN AFTERNOON

Games
Circus Skills
Face Painting

available at extra cost

PARKING IS LIMITED DURING EVENTS WITH EXCEPTION OF THE HANDBELL WORKSHOP.
FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT 01986 798280
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Congratulations



Many Happy Birthday wishes went to Tommy McGee who turned 60 on 19th July. Many thanks for a lovely afternoon party too!

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6.30 for 7pm

AT THE HUB

2 Course Supper £14

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Please bring your own drinks

The PCC of St Mary the Virgin Huntingfield invites you all to join them in celebrating this

year's Harvest. To reserve a seat please email:

sally.clarke@live.com or call Emma on 785343

Millennium Green Hundred Club



It's that time of year again when we start thinking about collecting subscriptions to the Huntingfield Millennium Green 100 Club, so if you're already a member you'll soon be hearing from us to see if you'd like to continue for another year. And if you're not already a member but would like to know more please call me on 01986

798169 or email susanmbrewer@mac.com.

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. The first prize is £30, second £15 and £5 third. Many thanks to all subscribers.

May

1st	Paul Ward	£30
2nd.	Sharon Elsley	£15
3rd	Ken Burnett	£5

June

1st	Ivan Clarke	£30
2nd	Rosie Blackmore	£15
3rd	David Burrows	£5

FREE Summer Youth Club

Activities including

Pizza making
Rounders
Table tennis
Tuck shop

and much more!

August 10th & 31

2.00 - 5.00 pm

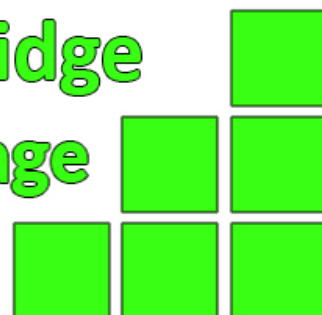
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The Hut to The Hub: old and new..

I have recently been asked on a number of occasions about the background to The Hub: Why does a small village like Huntingfield have such a lovely village hall? Where did it come from and who paid for it? So, for those new residents and interested parties I thought I'd provide a potted history of the site and the building.



Many of you will have seen the image on the wall of the Hub, sketched by David Gentleman depicting the 'The Hut', as it was affectionately titled. Well known and used by the community, the old War Hut had served as a village hall since it was donated post WW2. Amazingly, it actually lives on! At the end of the project, it was carefully dismantled and taken to a heritage site near Bury St Edmunds to be restored. Find out more at <https://www.greatwarhuts.org/>.

As part of a Parish Plan produced in 2008 it was suggested that "the village will need a new hut in the near future". So, in 2009 the Huntingfield New Village Hall Committee was formed: they laid much of the



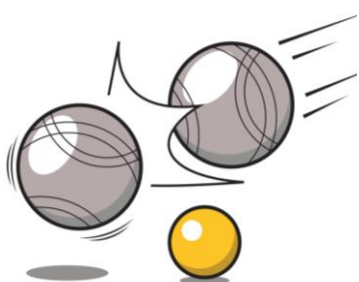
The Hut and play area as it used to be

groundwork and had plans drawn up and submitted for planning by April 2010. Once the plans were approved, they applied for funding to the Big Lottery and reached Stage 2 of the application process. Sadly, funding was rejected in 2012 and an exhausted team took a break.

At the beginning of 2013 I joined a new team formed to continue the process and we certainly learned a lot from the previous incumbent's hard work. Headed up by Sue Lucas, we liaised with the Big Lottery who focused our forward plan on aspects of the previous bid that had failed. We joined with Heveningham and Ubbeston to form the 'Three Villages Project' and organised regular meetings to ensure the group kept everyone informed and involved with developments. We visited new build village halls in both Norfolk and Suffolk to glean information and advice from those who had already gone through the process of funding and building.

Petanque

With just two games left of the summer season we are still top of the Division with a very good points difference. We will aim to win the next two games to ensure promotion at the end of the season.



I have now fixed a date for our Knock-out Cup competition, together with a session for anyone who would like to come along and have a go. This will be Saturday 5th August. Please be there for 10-30am so we can start promptly at 11am. We have club boules for you to use and we will be there to give you some guidance.

Be great to see you all!

Julie Collett - Captain Huntingfield Hares.

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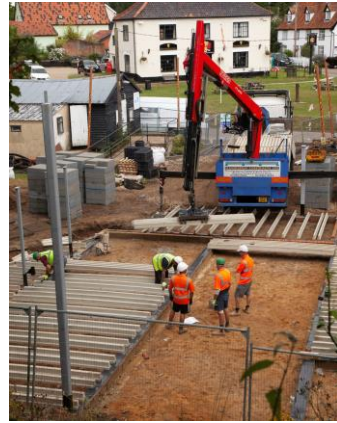
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The team carried out a house-to-house survey across all three villages – time consuming with an average of 6 houses every 4 hours or so – but well worth the feedback we received. In parallel, a variety of surveys were undertaken, from acoustics to bats and specialists were appointed - architect, quantity surveyor and, structural engineers amongst others. As well as applying for planning we also had to comply with the Big Lottery initiative for a sustainable build, including the complex ground source heating system.

The three-stage funding application to the Big Lottery began in Spring 2013, with members of the group meeting two or three times every week and the final submission eventually made at the end of 2014! We were massively relieved to hear the lottery bid had been successful. However, the country was emerging from recession following the 2008 banking crisis, building costs had escalated and the tenders came in higher than originally estimated at the time of the bid. So, with a big sigh, we had to look for further funding.

Eventually we reached our target from various sources including Viridor Credits (a landfill community initiative). Small top ups came from car boot sales, raffles and other fund-raising events – it was, at the time, non-stop hard work for the Committee aided by an army of keen volunteers. Many thanks go to all those who helped us back in the day!



Construction began in June 2015 and in less than a year the building was handed over with a grand opening in April 2016.

Once built, of course the Hub (the name voted for by local residents) had to be financially viable - a daunting task which is ongoing, so our hard work

didn't stop there. Despite being told by our Lottery mentor that no new hall made a profit during the first two years of operation, at the end of our very first year we actually managed to make a small one! This was largely due to the hard work of the trustees and volunteers and the support of our community!

The Hub is now in the hands of a relatively new group of trustees who are working hard to ensure its ongoing success so do please

support your village hall.

Helen Cannon



David's Column

Our last Parish Council meeting was very well attended. As you will have seen from the Minutes we are making good progress on several outstanding issues. For those of you concerned about the condition of some of the Heveningham Hall owned properties in the village, Matt Bostock represented the Estate and supplied a useful update. The headline is, obviously, the demolition of The Forge at last. The site has already been reseeded and I have to say, looks very much better.

At our previous meeting we asked for suggestions for how to spend money received from the Community Infrastructure Levy. We have had several really interesting ideas which now need to be costed before we can decide how to proceed.

The Parish Council has been approached by the pressure group '20's Plenty' to sign up with their appeal for Suffolk County Council to implement



*20mph for Huntingfield?
What do you think...*

at the meeting but it was thought that we should solicit opinions from the villagers before proceeding. If you have an opinion as to whether we should try to get a 20mph speed limit in Huntingfield, please let one of your councillors know – our details are on the back page. Thank you.

*David Blackmore
Chair, Huntingfield Parish Council*

a 20mph speed limit in every settlement. It would become the default speed limit unless it can be demonstrated that 30mph is safe for all road users, particularly pedestrians, children and the elderly. There was some enthusiasm for this

Notes from the sheep pen

My word what a productive year we are having! No one can remember a time when grass was so abundant. Our preference is for short, 5-7mm, with a sprinkling of clover

and some of the wild plants found in the parkland, e.g. Black Medic, many of the Vetches and this year an abundance of Common



Birdsfoot-Trefoil (pictured). All are tasty little additions to our diet and are encouraged by the way we graze.

Soft Brome is increasingly becoming the dominant grass in many of the meadows which is palatable until it seeds. Then we are reluctant to eat it and go off in search of something more tasty, often outside our enclosures. Fortunately, the team come along with the tractor and topper and chop the excess which persuades the plant to send up the vegetative leaves that we like. Another downside of the seedy grasses is they are the main cause of "scald", a painful irritation



between our digits (toes) which causes lameness. Routine foot bathing keeps it at bay, but it is very time consuming. Of course, stomach

worms continue to be treated monthly. Along with all the other treatments we receive we have been dipped as a precaution against Fly Strike, Sheep Scab and Lice without which we would not only be very uncomfortable but we look awful and suffer casualties. After all this, at least the team can then appreciate how well we look and grow.

This season's lambs have done well entirely from grass: we can't wait for his nibs to wean them as our poor udders and teats are fed up with being butted and chewed on. Yes, of course we will miss them for a couple of days, then bliss! Me, me, me time!

At this time of year, they are also selecting those of us for mating in the autumn. If we have become a little saggy in the mammary department we have to try and

hold them up to look as if we can rear lambs again! It's not always an age thing, but it is most likely.

You may soon see the team preparing to shear the lambs. It's not particularly an economic proposition, but they grow much faster once clipped. The Welsh lad who will be here to shear them is a world record holder (nearly 900 in 9 hours). This pleases old floppy hat as the lad is very careful not to nick them.

The sheep dog trialing season is here again: Lucy continues to enjoy competing at the highest level and it is a credit to see how she works us at gathering times. The team will be holding a trial at Heveningham in August. You are most welcome to stop by and watch for a while - there is no charge. As well as running her dogs, Lucy provides the refreshments which raised nearly £2,000 for MacMillan nurses last year. Well done, Lucy!

That enough for now, Ewe as in you know who...

...and the cowshed

We are having a lovely summer with oceans of grass that we are merrily converting into meat. The newest arrivals are 41 Angus-cross heifers. They are being given additional cereal-based feed daily as they are still relatively young to manage on grass alone, especially as it loses goodness as the summer progresses.



There are also 42 Belgian Blue cattle just up the road at Walpole who are loving the river marshes and are destined for beef production.

Belgian Blues at Walpole

Over at Sibton, the cows are calving and all is going well. However, it is worth reminding people to keep their distance, especially after a recent incident near Southwold where a member of the public was air lifted to hospital after being attacked by a cow protecting her new born calf. It may seem like common sense, but even experienced people can be caught out.

There is much excitement amongst the team as they are preparing to implant some special frozen embryos shortly. I'll tell you more in the future.

Enjoy your summer holiday and stay safe.
Pat, as in cow...

Hub News



THE
Hub



It's been an exciting few months at the Hub with lots of plans for more events and classes coming together. Back in June the East Anglia Air held debrillator and first aid training which was well attended, followed by our very first pizza night.

Following suggestions from the community our last brunch was a continental buffet which was really well received by regulars and new comers, including the Eco Warriors children after their visit to the churchyard to view the moth survey release. One of the moths took such a liking to the children that it joined them for breakfast! After such a success we hope to put on more continental brunch offerings in the future.

The Hub now hosts a number of new classes including a Baby and Toddler Group which runs every Friday from 9.30-11am and children's dance classes which run during term time on Wednesday from 6-7pm.

We are also pleased to announce that online booking has now gone live, with online payments in place for booking the social space. We hope to roll out online payments for all bookings by the end of August.

For those of you that shop online you can now support the Hub while you browse. We have signed up with Give As You Live, which generates donations for the Hub when users shop via its browser and app. It's free



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The Hub Trustees



Let's lift the roof and make some noise whilst raising money for
Halesworth Dementia Carers Fund

" POP CHORUS "

will be performing in Huntingfield Church on Sat 14th Oct at 6pm
Enjoy a musical journey with hits performed from the across the
decades to the present day
Refreshments available at the end of the programme
All proceeds to Halesworth Dementia Carers Fund
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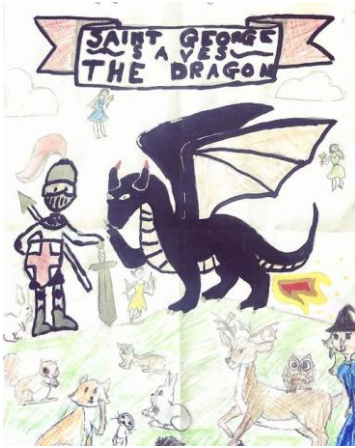
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3 Villages Youth Project



It's the end of another year at Kids Club and we were pleased to mark the occasion with "Imagination", an art exhibition featuring creative work by all of our children. It was lovely to see so many people come along and view the art and we managed to raise £45 for Kids Club and our other youth groups.

Our brilliant Kids Club team continues to grow with more members joining from the neighbouring villages of Walpole and Bramfield. We now have thirty children on roll so the extra helpers will ensure we can cater to the rising numbers of children attending our sessions.

In June the team were pleased to launch Baby and Toddler Group sessions which take place weekly on Fridays during term time.



Alongside the Youth Club we are now able to offer provision from birth to 18. A huge thanks goes out to everyone who has worked so hard to make this happen. To simplify things, going forward this combined provision will work under the title '3 Villages Youth Project'.

We have two FREE youth club taster days (see p 5) taking place over the summer. If you are aged 12 or over why not come along for rounders, pizza making, table tennis, tuck shop and more. The taster sessions take place on Thursday 10th and Thursday 31st August from 2-5pm. Regular Kids Club, Youth Club, Eco Warriors and Baby Group sessions will start again in September, dates to be confirmed.

We would like to take this opportunity to thank all the organisations who have donated funds to make our growing youth provision possible including Huntingfield Parish Council, The Co-Op, Heveningham Hall Country Fair Trust and St Mary's Church, Huntingfield.

3villagesyouthclub@gmail.com. Charlie Yule

Weather report: June - July 2023

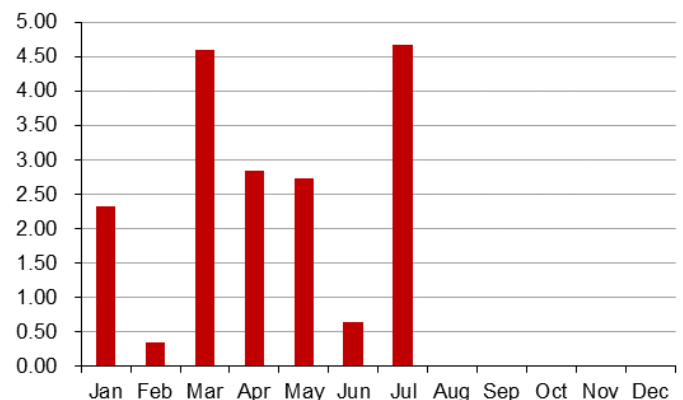


Hello all! Yes, here we are with another two months of the summer gone in the blink of an eye. Since my last report July, so far, has been pretty damp to say the least. For this month alone I have recorded 118.67mm (4.6 inches) of rain.

Over the last 30 years the average for East Anglia during the month of July is 53.25mm (2.10 inches) so we are over double the average with only a few days left. June, by contrast, was drier this year at 16.38mm (.61 inch) while June 2022 recorded 38.6mm (1.52 inches). Year to date, I have recorded 460.8mm (18.14 inches) whilst the same period in 2022 was 229.6mm (9.04 inches) – so we have seen double the amount compared with last year.

In summary, July has been quite cool, wet and windy at times with little change expected in the immediate future. As long as the pesky jet stream stays to the south of the UK or even over us, the warmer/hot weather will be south of us, allowing a procession of depressions to influence our weather.

Yes, the grass will grow and the gardens won't dry out but let's just hope we have a good two weeks or so of dry weather to allow farmers to get on with the harvest.



Richard Tyler



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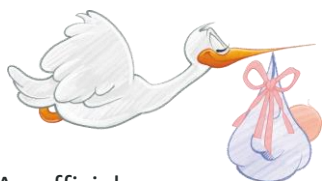
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Tai Chi

The Tai Chi class at The Hub will be taking a summer break with the last class on 7th August, resuming Monday 4th September at 2pm. New members are welcome to join at any time.

Announcement!



An official announcement to welcome our granddaughter who arrived on Monday 1st May weighing a healthy 7lb 13ozs. Billie Robyn is the first for Natalie & Harry. Welcome to the family. Also, Happy 1st Birthday to our grandson, Stanley on 25th July. Lots of love from proud grandparents, David & Julie Collett

History Corner: Dame Rose Tremain

Author inspired by our beautiful part of the world

Rose was born in August 1943 and grew up in London, a city partly in ruins due to the heavy bombing in WWII. There was austerity and food rationing. She was educated at the Sorbonne in Paris and earned her degree at the University of East Anglia. From then on there was a connection with this part of the world. In the 1970s, with her then



Low Road, Ubbeston & the Entrance to Oaks Farm. Photo © Geographer (cc-by-sa/2.0)

husband, Jon, and infant daughter, Rose moved from city life in London to a rural home in Ubbeston. Living at Oaks Farm, bordering Laxfield on the Low Road, Rose wrote her first published novel, *Sadler's Birthday* (1976). In an interview with a local newspaper, Rose recalled rocking the baby with her foot under her desk as she wrote the book.

Rose and Jon carried out much restoration work at Oaks Farm and then tens of years later the same farmhouse became the inspiration for Rookery Farm in her novel *Lily* (2021). After the marriage broke up, Rose and her daughter, Eleanor, moved, to a cottage in the nearby town of Halesworth and whilst living in this area, Rose sent her daughter to Cookley and Walpole Primary School. Rose's love for East Anglia has continued and she now lives in Norfolk.

Rose Tremain's work as writer of drama, fiction, poetry, short stories, tv and radio plays has earned her many prestigious accolades and awards. She was honoured with a CBE in 2007 and became a Dame in 2020.
Lynne Ward

Laxfield & District Museum is open from 2-5pm every weekend and bank holiday until Sunday 29th October. We are also open on Saturday mornings from 10-1pm, Aug 5, Sep 2, Oct 7.



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Ubbeston Parish Council



The last meeting took place a little earlier than usual on 22nd June due to a planning application. This was a proposal to develop agricultural buildings into five dwelling houses along Low Road. The Council voted against this proposal. Further details can be found on our website.

The Council received a good report from the Internal Auditor with no recommendations- a clean sheet! Cllr. Joel Pike held a meeting with our new District Councillor to discuss school transport. Updates will follow. For further information please contact the clerk, details below, or have a look at our website. We look forward to welcoming you to our next meeting on 4th September, 7pm at the Hub.

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New Bus Services

There has been a recent improvement in the bus services from Halesworth. You can travel direct to Norwich via Bungay with **First Bus** who also run an hourly service to Southwold. Meanwhile, **BorderBus** have extended their service to run from Aldeburgh to Beccles via Halesworth. Details of all these services can be obtained at Halesworth Visitor Information Points at the Angel and the library, or at the website

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We've expanded!

In this issue of The Hare you'll find an extra four pages to peruse. Thanks to some new advertisers and a very generous "deal" from Hetty's Little Copy Shop, who have printed the newsletter since the very first edition. Thank you Hetty!

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The Hare Team

Heveningham Parish Council



The recent meeting held on Wednesday 26th July in the Hub was well attended with 13 members of the public. Alongside

the regular duties of the council the items on the agenda for discussion were recent thefts, County Broadband and the small area of land near the Glebe.

County Broadband are canvassing the area to supply broadband to the residents. I now have further details available if anyone is thinking of signing up so please ask me if you wish to know more.

Secondly, the ownership of a small piece of land where the village pump stands is in question. I will be looking into this to see if I can find any relevant details.

Finally, recent thefts in the area were discussed at length. They have been occurring for several months so please ensure you lock and secure all your property, and definitely do not approach anyone. I am trying to collate a list of everyone affected. If this is you, please let me have any relevant details, i.e. reference numbers etc. We have a village email circulation list that you perhaps haven't felt necessary to receive in the past: maybe now is the time to join. Contact me if you would like to be added and please STAY SAFE.

Full minutes can be seen on the Heveningham website.

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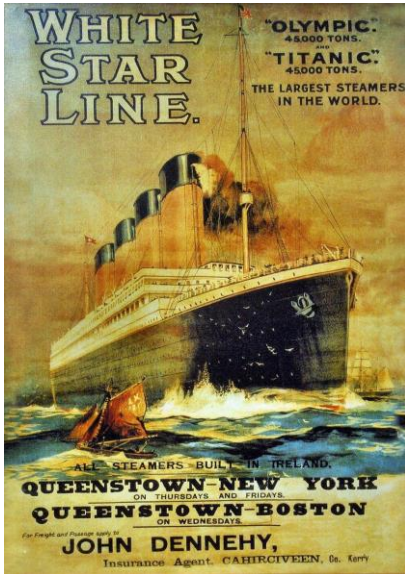
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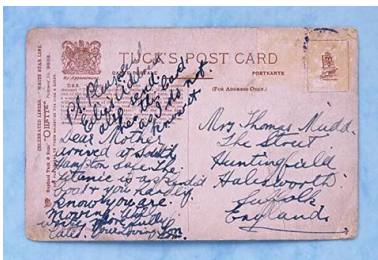
Tom and the Titanic



Thomas Copper Mudd was born in Huntingfield in the summer of 1895 and lived in a cottage on The Street with his parents, Thomas and Elizabeth and his 12 siblings. The family connections with the village ranged back at least to Isaac Mudd, Thomas' great grandfather, who was born in 1785 in Rumburgh but came

to live in Huntingfield. From then on the family lived in the heart of the village. His grandfather, James, was the blacksmith as was his uncle, Edwin in later years. Grandfather, James, was listed as living by County Bridge in Huntingfield in 1881.

By 1911 Tom was working locally as a boot repairer but two of his older brothers, James and George had emigrated to America in the hope of a better life. Between them they saved up the £10.10s.0d needed to buy a 2nd class ticket for their younger brother to join them, travelling on the most impressive and advanced steamship of the day; the "unsinkable" RMS Titanic. Tom boarded the ship at Southampton on 10th April 1912. When the ship reached Queenstown in Ireland he sent this poignant message home: *'Dear Mother, Arrived at Southampton safe. The Titanic is a splendid boat & you hardly know you are moving. Will write more fully later, Your loving son, Tom.'*



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As a 2nd class passenger Tom would

have probably shared a room with between 1-3 other single men. Although he was only 16 years old, he was travelling as an adult. The facilities for 2nd class passengers were comparable to 1st class on many other steamships. The furnishings, menus, steward service and activity rooms like the library, smoking room and promenade deck meant Tom and his fellow passengers were to have a very comfortable journey.

On the night of 14th April 1912, at about 11.40pm, Titanic struck an iceberg in the north Atlantic which

flooded watertight compartments in the hull and the ship was overwhelmed. The crew sent radio distress calls and let off flares to attract aid from nearby ships. As it was deemed unsinkable the ship did not carry enough life vests and lifeboats for everyone aboard: the priority was women, children and some 1st class male passengers. Titanic broke in two and sank at 02.20am with 710 survivors being picked up by the RMS Carpathia at 9.15am. We don't know where Tom was when Titanic hit the iceberg: he wasn't young enough to count as a child or important enough to be allowed a place in a lifeboat so, along with 814 of his fellow passengers and 688 crew members, he must have gone into the water which was barely above freezing. Tom is listed in the 18th volume of the crew and passengers' particulars dated 12th May 1912 as 'supposed drowned'. His body was never recovered.

Tom's parents received insurance money and compensation from the White Star line with Elizabeth receiving £0.7s.0d a week until her death. Tom's older brothers never forgave themselves for buying him the ticket and both named one of their own sons Thomas in his memory.

Article compiled from a piece by Jenny Blackmore and additional information from Lynne Ward

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Arms Events

By the time you read this we will be midway through our UK tour, taking in the delights of Wales and the Peak District. Currently, the forecast is rain, rain and more rain with a high of 16 degrees!



Whilst we are away the pub baton will be handed to Mike, who will be ready to welcome you in his usual cheery way for drinks only. However, don't panic as we will be back and normal food service will resume on 10th August.



The Sugar Beatniks

Our monthly Sunday live music in August is courtesy of Sugar Beatniks on 13th, followed by Stringfellas on 10th September - accompanied by a cider and food 'pop

up' with pasties, scotch eggs and turnovers

The following week we would recommend booking for the French theme night on Thursday 14th September. We still have a few places available for the popular Oliver Graham, a magic show and 2 course supper on 7th October. Definitely one not to be missed.

Enjoy the summer months!

Sara & Steve

Garden Club

The new garden club has sprouted well, with a good number of keen gardeners meeting on a monthly basis. At the inaugural meeting back in June various options were discussed for future events, including garden visits, guest speakers, plant swaps and the like.



The Hub was pre-booked for our second meeting so we gathered in the Arms restaurant for a "Get to know me and my garden" event. We shared images of our gardens and discussed plans and

projects, either in progress or just in our dreams. Following this meeting we have been invited to Manor Farm to view the beautiful gardens on the outskirts of Huntingfield, closely followed by our first outing to the RHS Plant Fair at Hyde Hall on 3rd August. The following week we have a further invitation to visit the garden at The Old Mill House so there is lots to look forward to, and much socialising to be had!

The next meeting will be on the evening of 6th September. The club is open to all so please contact me if you would like to join us.

Helen Cannon, hcannon50@gmail.com -799103

UKPN works in the area

Work will shortly be carried out to reroute and bury the overhead high voltage cables which pass across the valley from Heveningham to Huntingfield. This involves works across the Heveningham Estate's land and Huntingfield Millennium Green. On Tuesday 1st August there will be deliveries from UKPN requiring access via Laundry Lane to the meadow beside the Gate House. The Estate will be carrying out clearing and trenching works from 1st August ongoing and UKPN works will take place 16-18th August. It will involve a number of vehicle / plant movements through the village and in Laundry Lane.

There will also be a road closure across the Halesworth Road near the Home Farm access in mid-September which will last a few days. Also, there may be a temporary power cut in September as the system is switched over which is likely to last a few hours. UKPN will notify residents if this is to occur.



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Nature Notes



On Saturday 22nd July we held a Moth Breakfast event at St Mary's Churchyard, Huntingfield. No moths were eaten or harmed in any way! Rather, the contents of a moth trap that was placed in the churchyard overnight were checked through by Suffolk moth expert, Matthew Deans.

We did have a breakfast, with croissants and coffee kindly laid on by the Churchwardens. Over forty adults and children came along to marvel at the beauty, colour and unusual names of the moths. There are around 2,500 different species of moths recorded in the UK, in comparison with butterflies, of which there are 60 British species with only about 20 commonly seen in gardens.

Most moths are active feeding and egg laying etc. after dark so as to avoid predators, although several species are day flying. Moth traps use a powerful Mercury vapour lamp which attracts many, although not all species. 'Like a moth to a flame' is an old proverb but it is not definitely known why some species of moth are drawn to light. The moth trap has a sloping lid under the bulb and eggs boxes are placed in the base. The moths hide amongst the boxes and, after identification, are harmlessly released into nearby vegetation. They will spend the daylight hours hiding away and fly off the next night.

Several large moths revealed in the St Mary's trap included Elephant, Eyed and Poplar Hawkmoths. These



are about two inches long with a three-inch wingspan and they caused much amazement with their size and beautiful colours.

The Elephant Hawkmoth is mainly pink in colour: its name is derived from the fanciful likeness of the caterpillar, which feeds on willowherb, to an elephant's trunk.



More than 100 moths of around 30 species were found in the trap with the most numerous being Common and Scarce Footman. Matthew also brought along some other interesting moths in plastic containers that he caught earlier in the morning in other traps placed on Wilderness Reserve land as part of a long-term study.



One in particular was of note, the Waved Black Moth. It was the first example found on the estate and only the sixth that Matthew has seen in 30 plus years of moth study. The caterpillar feeds on fungi and rotten wood,

showing that this kind of habitat, whilst often overlooked, is of particular importance.

Everyone thoroughly enjoyed the event and left amazed at the diversity of these enigmatic creatures.



Donations for the church raised around £50. We are hoping to repeat the event next year.

Many thanks to Matthew for getting up in the dark and to all involved at St Mary's.

Tony Howe

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August

2nd Teddy Bears Picnic, St Margarets (p 4)
8th Mobile Library (p 2)
10th Handbell Workshop, St Margarets (p 4)
10th Youth Club Taster Session, 2-5pm, The Hub (p 5)
13th Sugar Beatniks, The Arms (p 14)
14th Pizza Night at The Hub, 5pm
15th Dotty the Pony, St Margarets (p 4)
21st Family Fun Afternoon, St Margarets (p 4)
26th Brunch at The Hub, 10-11am (p 9)
31st Youth Club Taster Session, 2-5pm, The Hub (p 5)

September

4th Ubbeston PC, The Hub, 7pm
5th Mobile Library (p 2)
6th Garden Club, The Hub, 6pm (p 14)
10th Stringfellas, The Arms (p 14)
11th Pizza Night at The Hub, 5pm
13th Huntingfield PC, The Hub, 7pm
14th French Night, The Arms (p 14)
16th Macmillan Coffee Morning (p 1)
23rd Brunch at The Hub, 10-11am (p 9)
27th Heveningham PC, The Hub, 7pm
30th Harvest Supper (p 5)

Regular events at The Hub

Kids Club September – dates to be confirmed, 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)
Yoga Tuesday, 6.30-7.30pm, £7 per class. (Contact Hayley 07776184943)
Tai Chi Monday, 2-3pm (contact Cindy Engel, cindywildhealth@gmail.com), £10 per PAYG session
Zumba Every Thursday, 11am-noon, £7 per PAYG session
Art Class Seasons Art Classes, every Tuesday from 5th September, 9am, The Hub

Upcoming events

14th October, Pop Chorus, St Mary's Church, 6pm
28th October, Halloween Spooktacular Details to follow.
11th November, Race Night. The Hub, 7pm

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