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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.

The Hare reaches 100...



villages and increased the page count to manage the content.

On this auspicious occasion an especially big thanks go to all those who have, and those who still, submit articles for publication on a regular basis. Also, thank you to all the advertisers who help finance the production. Individuals can also donate to The Hare by contacting us at huntingfieldhare@gmail.com. We also encourage you to send us articles, letters or comment for inclusion in future editions. Let's see The Hare make it through another 100.

We can't believe that The Hare has chalked up one hundred editions! It came into being as the 'Huntingfield Hare' back in April 2007 and the "Hare Team" then comprised Sue Lucas, Julie Watson and Christine Cooper. Julie has shared some memories of those early days on p 2, where you can also find some snippets from articles that have appeared over the years. So successful has it been that we have since expanded to cover three



Race Night!

Saturday 11th November
7pm, The Hub

More details on p 10



Bingo is Back!

13th October @ 17th November

In the Hub

Doors Open 7pm.

Eyes Down 7.30pm

Cash Prizes!

Raffle – Please Bring a Prize



Kid's Club Halloween Party

Friday 27th October, 4-6pm at The Hub

Free for all, Kids Club members current and past welcome!

More details on p 13

Hare memories..

When I first heard that the 100th edition of the Hare was imminent I thought I must reflect on the first meeting and my time working with Sue Lucas, Christine Cooper and Sue Tyler in the subsequent years.

The Hare came about in response to the need for local news and information in print (not online) identified by the Village Plan, a project of which I was a team member, and, therefore, took up the mantle to progress the matter. We were very fortunate and most grateful to Sue Lucas for taking the reins, stewarding the publication into being and acting as Editor for many years. Sue organised our regular content meetings and kept our creative energy up with her generous liquid refreshment; suffice to say the creativity blossomed as the meeting wore on and a subsequent review of ideas in the cold light of another day saw some suggestions discarded (wisely!).

Initially, the magazine focused on reporting village affairs and there was a regular "Mystery Guest" interview with a concise life history of a local resident. There was also a regular recipe column, nature notes, welcome to new arrivals, children's competition and events for the diary on the back page. Delivering the Hare was a great way to meet people and make friends whilst enjoying a stroll round the village.

Time moves on, things change and adapt to meet new situations and so the Hare has evolved and is now

available online and also covers three villages. Whilst I have not been part of the team behind the Hare for several years now, I recall the early days with affection and appreciate the opportunities it offered to make new friends and become a part of the community. LONG LIVE THE HARE!

Julie Watson



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Autumn Events

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14th October Framlingham Scout & Guide New HQ Do

A supper night with all profits going to the new HQ

21st October Autumn Game Feast with Noble Prawn's Lily Benbow

Another delicious feast night based around game and created over fire.

11th November Supper & Tavern Yard Tales

The Yarnsmith of Norwich will be spinning some tall tales in our Tipi around the fire

If you're stuck for gift ideas this Christmas we offer vouchers for all of our workshops and events as well as summer dining & cafe!

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.

July

1st Edward Watson
2nd Allan Barnes
3rd Gina Roe

August

1st David Blackmore
2nd Gill Davey
3rd Sonia Clarke-Watson

Hare Clippings!

Filed away in my "office" is a folder containing almost all the paper copies of the Hare that have been published. Putting together the 100th issue saw me browsing through some past issues and I couldn't resist a few snippets from days gone by.

Feb/March 2010... a busy time for new babies. You may recognize some and two are still in the village.

Issue 18—February/March 2010

Babies, Babies, Babies

1		1) Rosalind Booth—born to Jo (néé Tyler) and Mark on 18th December—a sister to Henry—granddaughter to Richard and Sue.	3	
2		2) Tegan Back—born to Steve & Sara on 11th December—a sister to Bronwen.	4	
		3) Kayleigh Walsh—born to Carla and Dave on Friday 29th January—a sister to Alex.		
		4) Jack Martin Higgs—born to Jennifer (Clarke) and Chris on 29th November—grandson to Sally.		

Do you remember the phone box? I certainly do... it disappeared in 2008.

First Village Post Offices now 'Phone Boxes'


The 'phone box on the corner of Holland Rise is in danger of disappearing because it is not used. A notice has been put up in the box stating that... 'the kiosk is not being used sufficiently to continue the service at this location. We are therefore proposing to remove this payphone following a consultation period of 42 days from 8th May'. Unfortunately this period has long gone, so I suppose now we must expect our phone box to go—unless, of course, people did object in writing to losing it! *Sue Lucas*

Feb/March 2011 – the village didn't know how lucky it was to have a service at all...

SATURDAY BUS SERVICE TO GO

Our local bus service, the 121 route to and from Ipswich and Halesworth, is being cut from April this year, it was announced in the Beccles and Bungay Journal. However, the 532 route will not be affected. That is the bus that runs from Huntingfield to Halesworth at 9.43 in the mornings. It returns from Halesworth at 14.45 each weekday with an extra bus leaving Halesworth at 12.15 on Tuesday, Wednesday and Friday.

The County public transport budget is to be cut from £4.2m to £1.9m. What will that mean for residents who use the 121 service? There will be **NO** bus service to Ipswich as there is at the present time, with **NO** bus services at all on Saturdays. *Sue Lucas*



I'm sure quite a few people will remember our resident peacock of many years, Bud and Sally's majestic Argos who resided at Huntingfield Place and made his presence "heard"! When he sadly (well, most thought...) passed away in 2008 he had a full page in memoriam.

Farewell to a much loved village character

It is with regret that we announce the death of Argos, the Huntingfield peacock. For many years he has strutted around the grounds of Huntingfield Place and has been looked after by the residents. Latterly Bud and Sally have cared for him while previously Richard and Rowena looked after him.

Sally writes:-
'We will miss his uniqueness and all the fun and laughs he has given us but we won't miss his wake-up calls at 3.00 in the morning! He certainly brought colour into our lives in more ways than one!'



A quote from Sheila and Esther—'May he roost in peace'.
Natalie says, 'I used to enjoy feeding Argos when Sally and Bud were away. He got to know me, because when I walked in the gate he would follow me about and eat out of my hand'.
Finally, a poem from Wendy:-
Dazzling blue bird,
I shall miss your arrogant ways—stamping and trumpeting.
Iridescent plumage brushing my face,
as you revolve in a summer display just for me
A little richness has gone from my gardening life.
Sue Lucas



The picture quality isn't great so here he is in all his colourful splendour!

And finally, this "interesting" advert caught my eye from the Oct/Nov issue in 2014. The spoof advertisers no longer live at this address but are still resident in the village... do you know them?

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Helen Cannon

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This is an ideal opportunity for someone looking for part time work. Both Parish Councils provide laptops for use by the Clerk. Knowledge of Microsoft Word and Excel is essential. The role includes compiling agendas, minutes, general administration and accounts. Council meetings take place in the evening every other month.

Please contact Julie Collett either on ubbestonclerk@outlook.com or heveninghamclerk@gmail.com or telephone 01986 899719 for more details.

Weather report: August - September 2023

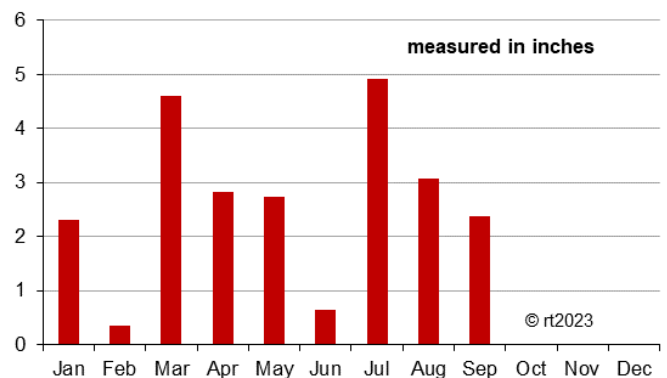


We're nearly at the end of September already. With the summer nearly over, this September is proving to be one of the warmest on record. The month provided us with some lovely warm days which saved us from a very nondescript summer.

	2022	2023	Diff Inches	Diff mm
Aug	0.44	3.07	2.63	66.9
Sep	2.43	2.37	-0.06	-1.5
Totals	2.87	5.45	2.57	65.3

Rainfall for the last 2 months has totalled more than for their respective months last year with 5.45" (138.43mm) recorded compared with 2.87" (72.89mm) and maybe even a little more before the end of the month. Noticeably, there have been some quite heavy

showers locally along with one or two breezy spells that were the remnants of Atlantic storms (ex-hurricanes) driven by a meandering jet-stream.



This year-to-date rainfall totals are higher than for the respective totals last year. So far, 23.84" (605.54mm) has been recorded compared with 11.91" (302.51mm). There was around 10" (250 mm) of rain in the last 3 months of last year. Whether the next 3 months will see as much rain falling remains to be seen, as will the likelihood of much snow! There may well be a few more windy episodes, as this is time of the year for them.

Richard Tyler

Church Chat

Another couple of months have passed and the Church has been busy. Billy Griffiths, who was buried on the 4th August, was brought up in the village and, with many of the family living locally, it was a lovely service. On the 27th we held a christening for Perdix Willoughby Langemead-Blakeley. The Church was packed and it was a really joyful occasion.

We continue to see a large number of visitors to the Church. Sadly, we recently had to change the lock on the wall donation box as we discovered that money was being taken. We are now installing motion sensor cameras. Of course, times are hard for everyone, but the cost of maintaining the Church is substantial and if we can't raise enough then it would sadly be forced to close.



Saturday 9th September saw the Suffolk Historic Churches Trust Ride and Stride stopping off. We had lots of visitors on both two and four wheels. This year Sally, David and Paul took part and clocked up 12 Churches. A fabulous effort! Half of their fundraising will go straight to our Church. The following Sunday we attended a service at St Edmunds Cathedral to celebrate 50 years of the Cycle Ride. I had never been to the Cathedral, it's beautiful, fabulous stained glass.

Many of you will know Margaret 'Rhoda' Rackham, whose funeral was held on 20th September. It was very well attended by both family and local folk.

Looking forward, the Harvest Supper takes place at The Hub on 30th September. This year our Harvest Festival service will take place in St Mary's Church, Halesworth at 10am on Sunday 1st October. Join together to sing the traditional Harvest songs and to donate Harvest gifts that will be given to the Community Larder. If you have any donations please leave them in the Church and I will take them to Halesworth on Sunday.

We are excited about rocking the house on Saturday 14th October with 'Pop Chorus' who will be performing from 6pm in aid of Halesworth Dementia carers fund. See p 9 for further details.

There will be a short service of Remembrance on the 12th November at the War Memorial on Huntingfield Village Green followed by refreshments at the Arms.



We have new cards on sale in the Church so please call in and take a look. There is a beautiful image of the nave and painted ceiling and a 'Presentation Wallet' of 6 notecards with 2 designs, featuring David Gentleman's prints of the font and bell ropes. Great either as a gift or to send.

Plans are afoot for Christmas services (sorry I know it's only October but) A date for the diary is the Village Carol service, Friday 22nd December at 2pm. More details in the next Hare.

Emma Ward, Churchwarden



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St Margaret's Church, Heveningham with Ubbeston



It seems only yesterday that we started September with some glorious weather and the end of our summer events. We are now looking forward to Autumn bringing her beautiful colours and also to our Harvest Festival Supper. This will be held

on 8th October at 4pm with a buffet and wine following the service. Please do come and join us - it was a lovely sociable event last year.

We also have a Quiz Night at the Church on 13th October at 7pm. Our local quiz organiser, Linda, will be putting together the questions and there may be a spooky theme due to the date and the location. We welcome teams of up to 4 people at £2 per person. Everyone is welcome and if you are short on numbers just come along and we will happily match you up to a team. Nibbles will be provided but do bring your own drinks. A bottle of wine goes to the winning team. Please help support this event as all monies raised will help towards the repair of the bell ropes.

We are also planning a Christmas Table sale in November. Please watch out for details.

With thanks. Jeanette Griffin, Church Warden

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David and Jack's Thames path walk



For three days during the school holidays David and Jack undertook the challenge of walking 20 miles a day along the Thames footpath, raising money for the Florence Nightingale Hospice in Buckinghamshire where Jack's beloved Nanny was cared for. This was something he wanted to do to help other nannies and their families.

Day 1 took them from Clifton Hampden to Pangbourne. The weather wasn't brilliant so the path

was quite muddy in places but the scenery and regular snack breaks kept them going.

Day 2 was from Richmond to Tower Bridge with completely different terrain and a faster pace which probably accounts for their weariness at the end. Keep going boys only one more day!

Day 3 was the last leg and in beautiful sunshine from Henley-on-Thames to Windsor. They set off with a renewed spring in their step. For those of you who don't know this stretch of the river it is beautiful: very wide in places with stunning meadows and bridges along the way. By mid-afternoon they had completed their 60-mile challenge and raised just under £900.

A big THANK YOU to all who helped and sponsored them. Now what do they do next year??

Sally Clarke

Petanque

Pictured below is the Huntingfield Hares team at their final game of the summer season, ending with a 3 - 1 win. That made us the winners of Division 4 by an amazing 7 points. Well done team, fantastic season! The presentation takes place on 15th October.



The club are also in the process of planning their inter-club knockout tournament. Only the final remains to be played on Saturday 14th October between Sam Sayer and Julie Collett. One certainty is that there will be a new name on the trophy this year.

More pictures in the next edition. Now onto the Winter Season, so get those thermals out!
Julie Collett - Captain Huntingfield Hares.

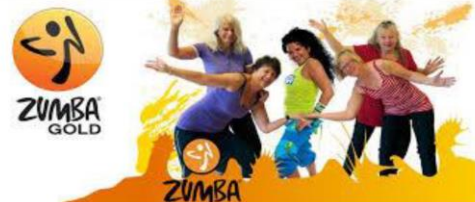
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Forge House, Heveningham at 10.30am and The Hub, Huntingfield at 3.10pm

You can also check online at:

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

Arms Events

Well, it looks like the summer is slowly drawing to a close, our holiday is a distant memory and our focus is turning to the autumn and that festive season in December. We've also been busy re-stocking the freezer in the shop so do pop by and check out the latest offerings. Our first delivery of



pumpkins, grown locally in Heveningham, will arrive shortly - perfect for Halloween carving or pumpkin curry – and ready for our Halloween Buffet on 31st October. As ever, booking is advised.

We are definitely looking forward to our magic and dinner evening on 7th October with Oliver Graham, aka Magic Olly. It's fully booked but if you're interested do ask as we may have last minute cancellations.

The astonishing news is that our Murder Mystery evening, which is taking place next March, was fully booked within a week of announcing the date! It's quite a relief as the cost of the event is more than a little risky for us so thank you to all those that have booked.

The ever-popular Charity Quiz will return on Thursday 2nd November at 7pm for the winter season. Teams are a maximum of 4 at £2.50 per person. All proceeds go to a charity chosen by the winning team.



Another return to the calendar for November is the Wednesday special. Every Wednesday through the month we will have Brews and Broths – 3 x 1/3 pints of beer together

with a broth (Ramen or Stew) for just £10. We also have another themed food evening on Thursday 23rd November, with an Eastern European / Middle East style buffet.

Finally, a date for your diary will be our Christmas Light-up on Friday 1st December. We will also have Christmas trees for sale, grown locally in Cratfield. More info on the festive season in the next Hare. Sara & Steve

Winter is coming...

Beat the boredom and come and have a go
Doing what? You help decide!
We're thinking all sorts of creative things:

Maybe preparation for Christmas?
Maybe arts and crafts?
Certainly a bit of fun!

Please come to a meeting to share ideas and plan next steps.

When? Tuesday 10th October
Where? The Hub
What time? 2.30pm

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Hub News

We have a personal introduction from our newest trustee Jane Moore:

"My husband Dunstan and I, as well as our black labrador Tiggy, moved to Huntingfield from Essex in the Spring. We have received a warm and genuine welcome from the village. The Arms, The Millennium Green and The Hub are true assets to Huntingfield and make it a wonderful place to live. Having moved from a village which had no 'heart', so to speak, we appreciate everything here..."

I am really pleased to have recently become a trustee of The Hub. It is an amazing community space and I am delighted to join an enthusiastic and 'hands-on' team. It was wonderful to see so many people enjoying the September Brunch and it was a great opportunity for me to be part of it."

The Hub Trustees would like to pass on a warm welcome to Jane and look forward to working together with their newest recruit. If you are interested in joining the team please speak to one of us (details on the back page) or contact enquires@hub4all.org.
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
£5 at the door (card or cash)

David's Column

As well as a full hand of councillors we had 9 residents and District Councillor, Julia Ewart attend our last Parish Council meeting.

The repeated flooding of the Bridge Street/The Street junction was reported to the Highways department following our previous meeting. Highways have subsequently inspected the site and reported it as a low priority item! We decided to assess the situation with a view to clearing the ditch out ourselves. Also, on the subject of village infrastructure, it has been noticed that there are several new vertical cracks in the bridge. These will be reported to Highways via the portal.

We are still open to receive costed proposals for projects on which to spend the CIL money. Please let us know if you have any suggestions.

The turnover of people moving into and leaving Huntingfield has led to the decision to refresh the village e-mail list. You will have found a form in this month's Hare. If you want to be on the list, please complete the form and drop it into the suggestions box on the wall of The Hub.

Finally, we inspected and approved the latest plans for the renovation of Huntingfield Hall on the understanding that it is to be used by family members. It was noted that (coincidentally) at long last The Old School House is in the process of being redecorated, at least externally, and is now once more looking like a building for the village to be proud of.

David Blackmore, Chair, Huntingfield Parish Council

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Notes from the sheep pen...

Hello to you all on this 100th edition of the Hare. I am a relatively new correspondent but enjoy telling you what is happening in our field. It's probably a little repetitive but, if you are anything like old Floppy Hat, it won't matter as he struggles to remember what happened last month, let alone last year!



It should be a relatively quiet time for the team but the work hasn't eased up. I mentioned the level of Scald infection last issue and, as we munch our way through the

summer months in what have been exceptional growing conditions it has caused havoc, necessitating numerous foot baths and has been oh so tiresome for all concerned. Routine vaccination helps as a preventative but is a long way off 100% effective. Also, have you noticed how many flies this spell of hot weather has brought out? Fortunately, the team regularly treat us with an insecticide to dissuade them from laying their eggs on our fleece, which then hatch into maggots that burrow into our flesh. Unless treated this is invariably fatal for us within a few days.

The lambs have been vaccinated twice against *Pasteurellosis*, one of the most common causes of pneumonia in sheep. We are also treated for stomach worms every 4-6 weeks after our poo samples have been analysed by the vet to ensure they are using the right product for any particular build up. This year we are also seeing a big increase in *Coccidiosis*, imported

with some replacement stock. This nasty infection is not noticeable to the eye but is highly transmissible to younger stock. It affects their intestines and thus the ability to absorb nutrients from their feed which makes recovery a very long process.

After a list of our woes, on to brighter matters. The breeding season is fast approaching so we have all had our MOT's, meaning teeth and udders, and are raring to go. The boyfriends are looking pretty 'hunky' and in good fettle for the job in hand.

On to the sheep dog trials: not quite *One Man and his Dog*, but pretty up there. Lucy remains enthusiastic and with some success. Her dogs work with many hundreds of us on a daily basis and can occasionally be a little *pushy* (technical term) At trials there are just five of us on a run so it's a big difference for them.



The team are holding a charity trial, the proceeds of which are going to Macmillan Nurses Fund. Over 50 dogs will be competing from all over the country so it should be great and we will do our best to cooperate! Unfortunately, it will have taken place before you receive this issue.

That will do for the moment so, baa for now!
Best wishes, Ewe... as in you know who

Race Night

Come along to the Annual Race Night at The Hub on Saturday 11th November at 7pm. There are eight races to be run with some fabulous sponsored prizes.

This year we have introduced the option to purchase a horse in advance. If you can't make it on the night but still want a chance to win, no problem. Or, if you are coming along but are desperate for a particular horse, then you can buy it now. The horses are just £3 each. Contact Julie Collett at juliecollett38@gmail.com or 01986 899719 with details of the race and the name of the horse. It's on a first come, first serve basis so get your order in quickly. Those unsold will be up for grabs on the night. The race card is enclosed for Huntingfield residents. If you need a copy please contact Julie.



The final event will be Closest Coin to the Bottle. Roll a £1 coin and the nearest to the bottle wins it - always a popular and very competitive game!

Bring your own drinks and nibbles or purchase from the

Arms. We look forward to seeing you on the night or hearing from you beforehand.

Good Luck! Millennium Green Trustees

In aid of Huntingfield Millennium Green. Charity Number 1167467.

...and the cowshed



It's lovely to have the chance to tell you what's happening in our pasture. What a wonderful grazing year we have had! Sun and rain produced oceans of grass and we have made great use of it.

In the main we are young stock, ranging in age at the start of spring from 4 to 18 months and grouped

according to age. The younger ones have additional daily processed cereal for a few months until they are able to cope with grass alone. This coincides with the development of their Rumen (the largest of their four stomach compartments). In the summer and early autumn, the team introduce dry feed supplement as the quality of the grazing deteriorates. When the weather turns, they are taken back to the home farm into sheltered accommodation and fed conserved forage that was made during the productive months. The older ones can grow at up to a Kg/day purely on well managed grass.

We all receive a long-term wormer prior to turning out and are regularly treated for nuisance flies that can transmit an eye infection called *New Forest disease*. This year control has been spot-on, with not a single case, great! The older animals also return to the home farm for final finishing over the winter.

Now on to us older girls: we are the autumn calving group who are due during September. Having spent the summer by the beach at Henham we are now at Sibton, ready to calve outside under the close supervision of the team. Our calves are tagged and castrated (where necessary) within the first 12 hours, before they become too frisky. As I write, only one of us has needed assistance with a breach presentation - successfully delivered by Floppy Hat and Lucy back at Green Farm. We will then stay outside, probably back at the sand heap known as Henham, and fed the hay that was conserved during June.

Onto the next piece of interesting and quite exciting news: the team are in the process of helping establish a small herd of Wagyu beef cattle. Some frozen embryos were purchased from a famous herd in Scotland and implanted into recipient heifers that the team had already programmed. They are now nurturing them with fingers crossed. They will be scanned within a month and preliminary results are looking promising.

The resulting progeny should be greatly sought after for their eating quality!



So, for the moment, it's a moo from me.
Pat... as in cow..

MACMILLAN CANCER SUPPORT

Thank you to everyone who came along and supported the Macmillan Coffee Morning at the Hub back in September.

We raised over £300 through both cash and online donations. Many thanks go to those who donated cakes and helped on the day.

Sally, Emma, Sue, Jackie & Helen

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Lest we Forget



There will be a Remembrance Service at the Huntingfield Village War Memorial on the Green.

12th November, 10.45am

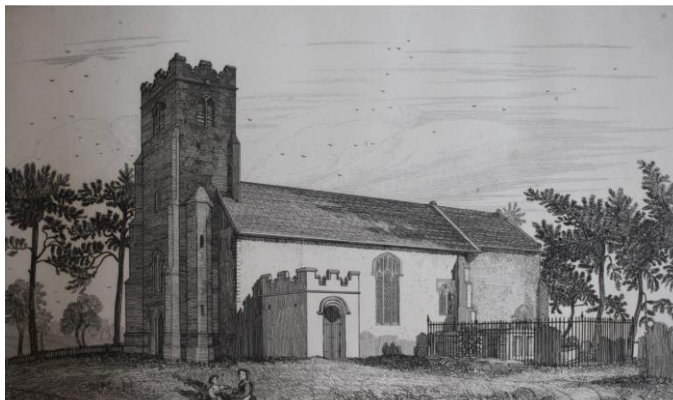
Refreshments courtesy of The Arms afterwards.

Details of the individuals listed on the War Memorial can be found in an article by Jenny Blackmore on the Huntingfield Village website.

<https://huntingfield.onesuffolk.net/assets/Hare/HuntingfieldWarGraves.pdf>

History Corner: Sarah Edwards of Ubbeston

In the Ubbeston Parish records an entry for 12th September 1707 reveals the cruel story of an unmarried woman, Sarah Edwards, who had the misfortune to fall pregnant by a married man. As a result of what was considered a terrible sin by the Church at the time, she was humiliated in front of the whole congregation at St Peter’s Church in her home village of Ubbeston. There is no mention of any such treatment of the father of her child. There is, however, an entry in the church burial records for the previous year: in 1706 Sarah Edwards, an infant, was buried. This suggests that Sarah lost the aforementioned child, which adds more sadness to the story.



Ubbeston Church, Henry Davy drawing, 1840

The entry in the parish records states: ‘The form of penance to be performed by Sarah Edwards for committing the crime of adultery as follows..

‘Imprimus – the said Sarah Edwards shall upon a Sunday after the second peal for Morning Prayers come into the Church Porch of Ubbestone and there shall stand until the second lesson be ended arrayed all the while in a white sheet down to the feet with a white wand in her hands and a prayer pinned upon her breast exhibiting her offence and shall ask for forgiveness of those that come to the church.

Item – the second lesson being ended the Minister shall receive her into the congregation and being placed before the Minister’s desk with her face to the congregation and standing upon a [pesse] shall make penitently the confession following saying after the Minister in an audible voice...

‘I, Sarah Edwards, do acknowledge and confess that I have most grievously offended Almighty God and provoked his just wrath and indignation against me by committing the sin of Fornication – I am heartily sorry for this my great sin and offence and I do most sincerely beg of God Almighty pardon and forgiveness thereof and to grant me his grace of true repentance and reverence therein, and that I may never commit the like sin any more but lead an honest and sober life for the time to come and to that end I desire this Congregation to join with me in Prayer to the Almighty God saying, ‘Our Father...’

William Edgar Regt. Dep.

‘The performance here to be certified under the Minister and Churchwardens’ hands at the next Chapter at Yoxford October 1707.’

Lynne Ward

Laxfield & District Museum is open for the 2023 season from 2-5pm every weekend until Sunday October 29th. We are also open on Saturday morning from 10-1pm on 7th October when Laxfield Community Market is held. The Museum is holding a Ceilidh in Laxfield Village Hall Saturday 11th November - £10 entrance. Dancing to the Hosepipe Band.

3 Villages Youth Project

Kids Club and Baby & Toddler group are excited to be back after the summer break with more children than ever joining our sessions. We are now running a waiting list for Kids Club due to record breaking numbers and our team has grown with three new permanent members. If you'd like to add your child to our waiting list please email huntingfieldkidsclub@gmail.com

As we head into October, we are starting to make plans for our Halloween Party! Taking place on 27th October from 4-6pm the party will include a costume parade, pumpkin carving competition, gruesome dance off and grisly games! Free for all, Kids Club members current and past welcome!



Eco Warriors sessions will start in October, dates to be confirmed. Our enthusiastic environmental advocates will be out and about in the village looking after our green spaces; litter picking, surveying mammal activity and planting wild flowers. Watch out for us around the village on Saturday mornings throughout the autumn months.

Donations of gardening equipment such as trowels, pots, gloves and compost most welcome!

The whole team, parents and children would like to take this opportunity to extend a heartfelt thanks to Sally Clarke, who has now stepped down from the Kids Club Team. Sally has been the backbone of Kids Club and her knowledge, advice and support has been integral to the Kids Club's success over the last few years.



She brought dedication, passion, care and laughter to our sessions and kept it going through the difficult years of the pandemic and lockdowns. She will be missed by children, parents and team members alike.

*With love and all of our thanks,
The Kids Club Community*

3villagesyouthclub@gmail.com. Charlie Yule

Garden Club



Only three of us managed to make the trip to Hyde Hall for the RHS Plant Fair back in August. I have to say it was well worth the journey: the plant stalls were prolific, too tempting and reasonably priced and the gardens themselves were beautiful.



At the September meeting we relaxed in The Hub with a pre-recorded talk about the beauty of tulips from a lady who annually opens her spectacular garden which is mainly comprised of tulip planting. Some useful hints and tips were shared on colour blending and companion planting.



Perhaps the tulip fans amongst us will be avidly perusing the bulb catalogues looking for new varieties to try.

We were hoping to hear from the Millennium Green at the October meeting as they are looking for assistance with their Plant Fair/Swap which is planned for 2024. Unfortunately, it won't be possible this time but we hope to have a discussion with them at a future meeting. So, instead we will be having a wander around the village to see if there is any area we can "help" with as a community project. Any ideas? Please let us know.

Future meetings will be 4th October and 1st November at The Hub, 6.30pm. Please do just come along and join us if you have a horticultural interest, or even if not!

Helen Cannon, hcannon50@gmail.com
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Your Parish Council

Ubbeston Parish Council



The Council is pleased to report that the Gateways are in the process of being installed. The insurance has been renewed for a further year and we are pleased to confirm the premium remained the same as last year.

The Parish Council reluctantly accepted the resignation from

the Clerk who will remain in her role until end May 2024 which will allow time to find a replacement.

Things are fairly quiet at the moment. At the next meeting, we will be looking at the budgets ready for 2024-2025! For any further information or to see the full minutes, please refer to the website:

www.ubbeston.onesuffolk.net

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Heveningham Parish Council



The 20th September meeting took place in the Church. The Council were pleased to report that the play

equipment on Bell Meadow is soon to be installed. The ground has been strimmed and cut in readiness. More trees are still to be purchased and should be ready for planting in November, together with spring bulbs.

The Parish Council reluctantly accepted the resignation from the clerk who will remain in her role until end May 2024 which will allow time to find a replacement.

Finally, the council are looking at purchasing a Christmas Tree for the Glebe ready for the festive season, more news next meeting. For further details please see the website: heveningham.onesuffolk.net

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Nature Notes

Firstly, heartfelt congratulations to our brilliant editorial team on the production of the 100th edition of the Hare. The first was in 2007 and it's an amazing feat to have carried out all the behind the scenes work to reach the century issue. Well done team! It would also be really good to be celebrating the fact that wildlife and biodiversity in the UK over that time had seen an uptick in population size and number of species. Sadly, that is not the case as the recently published 'State of the Nature' report did not make good reading.

This 200-page report prepared by 60 organisations, including scientists, conservation groups and government agencies concluded that nearly 20% of mammals, plants, insects, amphibians and birds are threatened. Plus 1,500 species of UK plants and



animals such as the Turtle Dove and Dormouse are approaching extinction. This is shocking news in these enlightened

times and underlines the fact that Britain is one of the most wildlife depleted countries in the world. Something that we really should be ashamed of.

There is some good news: nature can achieve some great comebacks from the brink with our help. Most people will have seen a magnificent Red Kite floating over a motorway, or even locally. Thirty years ago, they were



restricted to a few pairs in Wales and now, following inspired relocations, their population has soared to around 2,000 pairs.

Habitat reinstatement projects such as reedbeds have led to species like the Bittern rising from 11 pairs in 1997 to now around 250. Rewilding projects like our local Wilderness Reserve are also burgeoning. Adding a wide variety of habitats, from wetland to heaths and woodland etc. across the UK has seen many species

increase at these sites. White Storks are breeding at Knepp in Sussex and the aforementioned Red Kite is breeding locally on the Wilderness Reserve.



So, we can achieve great things but more must be done if we are to avoid these predicted declines. What are the

answers? Well, it's a very complicated situation.

Farmers, unfairly, seem to get some of the blame, but our 60 million population all need feeding and food security is now becoming a major concern. Increasingly importing food just moves the reduction in biodiversity to other countries. This could lead to similar species losses and threatened habitats overseas which is also not a good outcome.

Obviously growing fields of just one plant does not encourage wildlife so more diverse habitats would be an improvement. Encouraging farmers with grants to re-wild productive land and, conversely, to pay them to plant crops on unsuitable land, e.g. marshy areas, seems illogical. Surely we should optimise food



production on fertile land? We have more and more technology such as drones etc. coming onstream to assist. Then, improve agriculturally poor land such as heaths and wetland and upland as wildlife habitat.

Hopefully, all the parties involved in the report, especially the government, can work together to solve these very worrying issues. Like climate change, we have the tools to closely monitor and improve the situation so, hopefully, by the time we get to the 200th issue of the Hare we will see some major improvement.

Tony Howe

What's on – dates for your diary

October

3rd Mobile Library (p 7)
4th Garden Club, The Hub (p 13)
7th Magic Olly Dinner and Show, Arms at The Hub (p 8)
8th Harvest Supper, St Margaret's, Heveningham (p 6)
10th Beat the Boredom meeting (p 8)
13th Bingo at The Hub (p 1)
14th October, Pop Chorus, St Mary's Church (p 9)
23rd East European Buffet, The Arms (p 8)
27th Kids Club Halloween Party (p 13)
28th Brunch at The Hub, 10-11am
31st Mobile Library (p 7)
31st Halloween Buffet, The Arms, (p 8)

November

1st Garden Club, The Hub (p 13)
2nd Charity Quiz, The Arms (p 8)
6th Ubbeston PC, The Hub, 7pm
8th Huntingfield PC, The Hub, 7pm
11th November, Race Night. The Hub (p 10)
11th Ceilidh with The Hosepipe Band, Laxfield (p 12)
12th Remembrance Service, Huntingfield (p 12)
15th Heveningham PC, The Hub, 7pm
17th Bingo at The Hub (p 1)
25th Brunch at The Hub, 10-11am
28th Mobile Library (p 7)

Regular events at The Hub

Kids Club Every second Friday, 13th & 27th October, 10th & 24th November, 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

Upcoming events

Friday 1st December – Light up at the Arms
Sunday 3rd December - Village Christmas Dinner
Monday 18th December - Carols Round the Tree/Christmas Card Swap
Friday 22nd December - Village Carol Service at St Mary's

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