

HUNTINGFIELD HARE



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3 Villages Family Fun Day

Sunday 14th July, 12 noon, Millennium Green

Races, Petanque, Games
Free ice creams for under-16s. BYO picnic and rug
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Huntingfield bids farewell to two residents

It is with much sadness that the Huntingfield Hare pays its respects to two well-known village residents. **Marjorie Day**, of Holland Rise, passed away peacefully on 23rd April at the age of 90. **Sue Lucas**, who wore many "hats" in the village also passed away on 13th April. Various individuals have contributed their memories of Sue which we have included in this issue as a tribute to her hard work and commitment to the village. Both will be sadly missed.

Hub Brunch

The Hub Brunch is changing its regular first Saturday of the month slot to the second Saturday of every month.

There are a number of other regular local events on the first Saturday so our regulars were finding it hard to choose where to go. We also had a request to start a little earlier to quell the rumbling stomachs. So a change of date, time and even chefs for Saturday 8th June at 10.30-11.30am, hosted by Tom and Mike. We don't know what they are planning but its bound to be an interesting and tasty menu for a bargain price of £5 per head (half price for kids)!



Craft at The Hub 10am-12 noon on: 14th June

On this visit our friends with the coffee caravan get creative with various small craft projects to join in – all materials provided.

Come along for advice/community information as well as a chat with other local over a **FREE cuppa and some delicious cake!**

Heveningham Hall Country Fair, 22-23 June 2019

There will be a temporary road closure from the entrance to Heveningham Hall to the junction at Walpole on both days, between 2-3pm for the air displays. The Heveningham Hall Country Fair Trust apologise for any inconvenience caused.

Missing articles: Unfortunately, lack of space in this edition means we have been unable to include reports from the Parish Council and The Hub. There have been recent changes so look out for them in the next issue.

Budding Ideas

Summer is here and finally the risk of frost has passed. With increased light and higher temperatures plants will be putting on a lot of growth over the coming weeks and will need plenty of water, particularly as we have had a pretty dry year so far.

Established plants should not need a huge amount of extra watering as they will have developed a deep root system. Concentrate on new specimens, plants in containers, hanging baskets, fruit and veg and annual planting.



Watering early in the morning or late at night is best, allowing the plants to fully benefit and reducing

evaporation. You should try to water from a hose or watering can directly to the roots of the plants, rather than just splashing it over the leaves or nearby soil. Irrigation systems are very effective but can be expensive; a cheap alternative is a leaky hose pipe strategically punctured along its length and laid along the border which will ensure that the water gets where it needs to.

Install a water butt, or several if you can - they easily attach to a downpipe from guttering and you can connect several together to ensure maximum rainwater storage. If you are going away on holiday, move containers and baskets to a shady place - they will dry out more slowly and when watered by your helpful neighbour, will make their job easier and the water go further.

Fill gaps in your borders with bedding plants: make sure you water, feed and deadhead regularly. Keep on top of perennial weeds which, as your plants and vegetables grow on, will be less of a problem as they will be shaded out by the cultivated plants.

Give your lawns a break if the weather continues to be hot and dry by raising the blades on your mower. You should be mowing pretty regularly by now but resist the temptation to cut it really low as the grass will stay greener longer if there is not much rain around. Trim the lawn edges with sharp edging shears to give your garden an instant lift - you can get away with untidy borders, as long as your lawn is mown and edged. I am afraid it doesn't work the other way round!

Keep on top of training climbing and rambling roses. If you tie in the new shoots regularly during the growing season so they do not hang down you will stop them getting out of control and they will be a better shape. Ramblers can be pruned directly after flowering to control their spread. Remove any signs of blackspot - do not put the infected leaves in your compost but burn or bin them.

If you have spring flowering perennials in your garden, they will already have provided a lovely display of early colour. However, they may be looking a bit scruffy now so the best thing to do is take a pair of shears or secateurs to them and cut away the dying flowers and faded foliage to just above ground level. It might sound brutal but you will be rewarded with fresh new leaves and very possibly a second flush of flowers.

Finally, whilst watering your precious plants, don't forget our feather friends - top up the birdbaths and leave out shallow dishes or trays of fresh water to help the birds and other wildlife so important to our village gardens.

Lori Kingsley Adams

Calling all bakers..



"A Big Thank You" to everyone who has volunteered to serve teas in the Courtyard Tea room on Saturday 22nd June.

We now need people to bake cakes and scones to sell; Victoria

Sandwiches, Coffee or Chocolate cakes, traybakes or 3" plain or cheese scones (to name but a few). Maybe you have been wanting to try that new Lime and Pistachio cake recipe.. here's your chance!

Your donations of cakes and scones will be collected on Fri 21st June from 5pm. Please let Sally know if you are able to bake something either by phoning 785348 or email sally.clarke@live.com. Please note there will NOT be a Tombola this year so save your items for 2020!
Sally Clarke

No more sheepish tales...



My dear friends and neighbours of Huntingfield, I have come to the conclusion that it is time for me to hang up my pen. Whilst I still have a strong desire to work full time as the chief supervisor of my livestock in

Suffolk, particularly on the Heveningham Estate, I have less time to keep you informed and occasionally amused I hope!!

So, with much love from 'Pat as in cowpat' and 'Ewe know who'. *Best wishes, David Hull*

We would like to extend a big thank you to David (aka Old Floppy Hat) for his entertaining and informative contributions over the years. Pat and Ewe will be much missed in the Hare – Editorial team

Sue Lucas: The Hare Editor



Early days in Huntingfield

what a legacy she's left behind.

The meetings: Oh, so many meetings! The Events Group and the PCC – when Sue & I sat in the choir stalls (often wishing we were somewhere else!).

Julie and I have many fond memories of our time on the editorial committee of The Hare, sat on the sofa in her office. There was only the three of us but we got so much work done. Sue always began the meetings by unscrewing a bottle of white wine. I can see her now – turning the top of the bottle with a 'What can we write about?' Simple, happy memories: the stories we penned about Huntingfield residents, the re-writes, and the laughter that ensued. The wine and the friendship.

Albeit many years ago I recall watching Sue at the computer and thinking "I can never take over from her!" I will not be able to emulate her sheer talent for putting together The Hare. The "crown" for talent is not placed on many heads but Sue had that talent in spades. When I moved and left the Hare committee Julie and Sue presented me with a camellia bush. This spring the bush was laden with pink flowers and my memories of Sue were brought into soft focus.

Dave and I were sad to miss Sue's funeral as we were away. On our return we were able to visit Sue's grave with Brian. The sun shone on the leaves on the trees which were a beautiful soft green. Rest well dear friend: you will always be remembered!

Christine Cooper

I find it hard to believe Sue has gone, and far too soon. I recall the first time I met Sue and Brian – many years ago before they moved to Huntingfield. Now, she's left us - and

When we moved to Huntingfield in 2005 Sue and Brian were among the first locals to welcome us and encourage participation in village events. One such event was to attend a PC meeting where I volunteered to join a small group that were to work on the "Village Plan" led by Stephen Harrison. One recurring theme was for a village newsletter that was not just an ad sheet but "useful, interesting and enjoyable" to read. Next step was to find an editor and the rest as they say is history! Sue volunteered to be editor and recruited Christine Cooper and I to join her. So "The Hare" began.



An early copy of The Hare

I have such fond and happy memories of our editorial meetings hosted by Sue in her snug office rotating between us on the comfy sofa and the PC on her desk, or scooting to reach a file on her beautiful traditional captain's chair! As Christine notes our meetings always started with her generously filling our glasses followed by the usual cheerful request of "well what are we going to include this time?".

Sue was relentless in securing just enough advertising (and revenue) to cover production costs without it being intrusive and compromising space for articles! She had immense patience with the contributors who were hopelessly late with their copy or wittered on for too long! Her talent for bringing out the best in people made each one feel their contribution was important and valued as she tirelessly collated yet another edition for 11 years – Issue 1 was April/May 2007!

I always felt useful at our editorial meetings and would look forward to them as welcome relief from my "day job". Thank you, Sue, for establishing the Hare and for all that I learnt from your editorial prowess.

Julie Watson

Sue Lucas: The Bell Ringer

Sue was part of the team of ringers at St. Mary's Church for many years. Like most of us she didn't aspire to do advanced ringing, just to be able to ring for church services and the occasional wedding was enough.

There are five bells in the church and Sue always seemed to ring the number two bell and me the three. As we both had the same name we were known as Sue 2 and Sue 3!

I felt very honored to be able to toll Sue's bell for her at the funeral. I really miss our Monday evening practices, walking up to the church chatting about family and life in general. Sue was a great friend.

Sue Tyler



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Sue Lucas: Chair of The Hub

When the village looked for someone to head up their second attempt at funding for a new village hall to replace the lovely, but decrepit old “Hut”, who else would volunteer but Sue.



It was back in March 2013 when we were given the go-ahead by the Parish Council and the Hall for All Committee was set up. Immediately Sue was emailing, arranging meetings and allocating tasks in her usual ‘no time to waste’ style. By July 2013 the National

Lottery Stage 1 bid was submitted. We were very excited to be given the go-ahead by the Lottery to continue until we saw the sheaf of paperwork and demands that came with Stage 2.

There followed a hectic period of information gathering and compilation including various leaflet drops to the three villages and a door to door survey of the local residents. This took much longer than anticipated but then everyone wanted to chat. Sue, patient as ever, gave everyone time to air their views and collated their feedback – no matter how odd their response might be. *(I recall Sue and I giggling like kids whilst attacking a certain remote farmhouse letterbox with a stick after I accidentally dropped in the list of addressees rather than the leaflet! – Helen)*

Countless meetings in Sue’s dining room ensued – some lasting for many hours – with Brian (our tea boy) delivering endless cuppas and the welcome plate of luxury biscuits. Thank goodness for Sue’s generosity as I doubt the committee would have continued if we had to meet in the old Hut.

Eventually Stage 2 was submitted to our Lottery mentor, Gary, with whom Sue built a great relationship, as she did with everyone she worked alongside. The fact it was sent at 10.30pm on a Friday evening demonstrates Sue’s tenacity. Sighs of relief all round and Sue commenting “There can’t be much more they need from us for Stage 3 so that is going to be a doddle.” How wrong could she be!

More paperwork, analysis, spreadsheets and fund-raising. So much hard work went into compiling the final submission there isn’t enough space here to list. There was a time when we thought we were going to be short on funding which would jeopardise our Lottery bid. Sue was relentless in chasing every single

opportunity to add to the coffers. Her ideas and sheer hard work paid off to the point where we still have a pot of funds to spend on capital equipment – a legacy from that time. Forests of paper later the final submission went off and an exhausted team had a lovely Christmas/New Year gift when our bid was approved in 2015. However, hard work over? Not a chance...



The old Hut was cleared and demolished and work started on the new hall. Sue was given her own site gear as she was there regularly with Lucy, the architect, checking on the work and dealing with the raft of issues that arose – including the issue of the septic tank for the old Hut which no-one knew existed as it had never been emptied and was now overflowing! We had been paying sewerage charges for many years so, as ever, Sue chased the utility company relentlessly for a refund – her conscientiousness for protecting the funds was renowned.



In June 2016 the Hub eventually opened its doors for the first time. Sue was highly embarrassed to have the well-deserved praise heaped on her for the amazing achievement: it was always with reluctance that she accepted any credit for her hard work as she spent the majority of her time thanking and

encouraging others. *(When the building was handed over a celebration dinner was held and it was agreed that we would surprise Sue with a gift in appreciation of her leadership. We decided on a bronze statue called The Alert Hare to add to the collection of hares she and Brian already had. When I presented it to Sue, she thought I said The Albert Hare so that is what he became known as. – Joan.)*

Of course, there have been many other people involved in the Hub project during the past six years – too many to list here. Thanks to all who have contributed, even in small ways. But, of course, without Sue’s dedication and sheer enthusiasm for the building, The Hub as we know it would not be standing today.

Joan Baker, Helen Cannon

Sue Lucas: wife mother, grandmother and great-grandmother

A short note, mostly memories and partly our social history.



Mum was thrown into motherhood (Mark) and marriage at the tender age of 17. This early introduction into adult life had the potential to break most people but mum took it in her stride and made it a positive. This helped to shape the rest of her life and her attitude towards the challenges that came her

way. After the birth of her second son (Alan) mum returned to education spurred on by the influence of friend and neighbor, Carol who saw her potential. After Kate was born mum went to teacher training college and by the early 80's she was a qualified teacher.

Despite having very little money mum always endeavored to give us a rich and happy childhood, full of love and memories. Mum was always there to encourage and support us in all we did throughout our lives.



In 1986, following the breakdown of her first marriage, mum met Brian - the love of her life and soul mate. This extended mum's family with the addition of Brian's sons



Anthony, Iain and Christopher. Mum took Brian's children under her wing with the same love and support that she showed her own children.

My (Mark) favourite memories are of my childhood, when Kate was very young. The freedom of childhood in a loving community with security in the knowledge that mum would always be there for me. Though she has now moved on I still feel her influence, love and support daily.

I (Alan) have only good memories of my childhood - too many to mention. Mum was the constant in my life that made me the father and grandfather I am today. She showered me with love and care (although at times I didn't fully see it). As a role model she inspired me to challenge myself and she always believed in me. My life, my dreams, my morals and desire to be the best I can comes from mum's influence. We didn't always see

eye to eye but her opinion mattered more to me than anyone else. If I didn't always agree with her I would understand, in time, that she was mostly right. She taught me to be the person I am today and those lessons will live on forever in my children and grandchildren. Mum had this effect on all the people she came into contact with - which has become all the more evident during the last few months with the love and support shown by all her friends, work colleagues and family. The void she has left in our lives will never be filled but her love and influence will live on forever.



I (Kate) have so many amazing memories of mum, from going on the ferry together to Holland at the age of 14 to meet with Brian (my first

time) and his son Chris for a few days sailing, to holidays with mum and my own kids when they were young. Paddling in the sea on the Isle of Wight with our feet going blue. Crabbing at Walberswick. Always being a constant support in my life - even during the hard times in both our lives. As I walk down the aisle in August, I know that Mum will be walking beside me and will be doing so for the rest of my life.

Brian has just too many memories to do this piece justice. When they met they saved each other: Brian gave mum a whole new way of life with sailing, which she embraced wholeheartedly, and brought happiness back into her life. An interest they shared, creating some of the many amazing memories of the wonderful times during their 33 years together.



Mum may not be here in body anymore but she will always live on in our hearts and heads. Love you.

Brian, Alan, Kate and Mark



Remembering Marjorie Day

On May 9th family and friends gathered at St. Mary's Church for a service of thanksgiving for the life of Marjorie Day who passed away on April 23rd, aged 90 years.

Marjorie lived in Holland Rise since 1951. After a lifetime of working in various houses in Huntingfield and surrounding villages she dedicated much of her time to St. Mary's Church. She was a member of the choir, the PCC, Church Warden, flower arranger and finally Church Sacristan and Verger.

Marjorie's health had declined in the last few years when she needed a 24-hour oxygen supply. After three weeks in Ipswich hospital she returned home for a few days before being transferred to a home in Wickham Market where she passed away five days later.

Marjorie leaves her daughter Sandra, son Geoffrey, 2 grandchildren - Jemma and Alexander - and 4 great grandsons, Sebastian, Joshua, Hayden and Oliver.
Sue Tyler

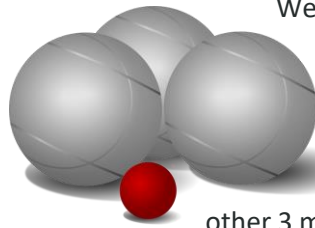
Kids Club

The next Kids Club will be Friday 7th June, 4-5.30pm £1.50 per child. Unfortunately this will be the only session in June due to availability of the Hub. However, it will be back in July: Friday 5th and 19th July.

It has been proposed to hold summer holiday sessions again, dates and times to be announced.

Kids Club Team

Petanque Club News



Well, we are nearly halfway through our playing season and I have to report a modicum of success. We played our most recent match against Das Boot at Freston on Sunday 19th May - a day plagued with light rain (as were the other 3 matches, including hail at one) and we managed to draw with two games each.

Even better were the two previous matches where we succeeded in winning both by 3 games to 1 away at Kettleburgh and at home against Westleton. We now have a lengthy break before our next game on the 30th June, when we play Gt. Glemham Crown Boullistes. So, there we are: Played 4, Lost 1, Drawn 1 and Won 2.

With some very good new blood on the team and dedicated existing players I have high hopes for a continued rate of progress in the coming months.

Richard Tyler

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Church Chat

St Mary's bid farewell to two beloved members of the church community in the last few weeks. First Sue Lucas, PCC member and bell ringer. Much will have been written elsewhere in this edition, but we are so grateful for all she did and she is much missed. Her funeral will live long in the memory.

Marjorie Day moved to live in Holland Rise 68 years ago and was involved with the church for all that time. She did so much work within the church, most of it unnoticed. She was the sacristan, which involved laying the altar, changing the frontals and looking after the linen and silver. She was a wonderful flower arranger and many of us in the village have reason to be thankful for her skills. She was also a member of the choir and churchwarden for many years.



Churches rely on people like Marjorie who live out their beliefs quietly, working in the background and keeping the wheels turning.

Marjorie was true to her faith until the end and when she could no longer get to church she received communion regularly at home and loved to keep up to date with church news.

You will notice that this column now has a new title. We have a new churchwarden, Emma Ward, who follows in her mother's footsteps. We wish her well in her new role.

There will be services at St. Mary's on July 14th and August 11th both at 9.30am. Blessings to you and yours.
Linda Berry

Hundred Club results

March

1st	no. 94	Dawn Peck	£30
2nd	no. 63	Sue Gentleman	£15
3rd	no. 72	Marta Camus	£5

April

1st	no. 53	Duncan Back	£30
2nd	no. 22	James Gordon	£15
3rd	no. 78	Rhoda Rackham	£5

The 100 Club exists to raise money for the upkeep and maintenance of our wonderful Millennium Green, wildlife garden and orchard, children's play area, pétanque pitch, goal posts and picnic tables. Each number from 1 to 100 costs £12 a year and there is a monthly draw of 3 numbers giving prizes of £30, £15 and £5. So, for £12 you could win £360 in a year!!

It'll soon be the time when Julie, Marian and I shall be asking if you would like to renew your membership or, indeed, join up. We do hope you will in order to support this lovely open space enjoyed both by two- and four-legged friends!

Sue Brewer, 01986 798169

Meditation Monday at the Hub

Trish Dent, our Stretch & Strengthen teacher, has recently started a new meditation session on the first Monday of the month. Starting at 7pm, finish by 7.45pm.

No booking required for this one, simply come along, everyone is welcome. Bring a small blanket and block if you have one. Usually it is held seated although there is the option to sit on the floor. Trish gives basic instruction. This is a silent meditation. Suggested donation is £5.

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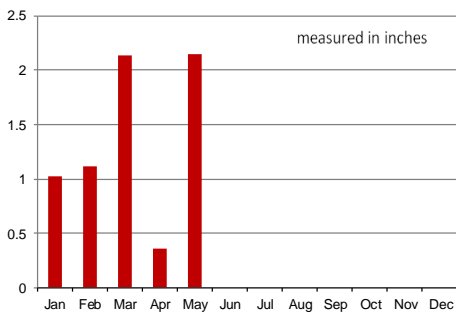
This year we have decided to dedicate a whole day to raising funds for Macmillan Cancer Support. We hope that you can join us at our Coffee morning or Big Charity Quiz Night or maybe even both on **Saturday 28th September**. So, 1 date for your calendars but 2 big events. Please make sure you put the date in your diary.

Macmillan Coffee Morning: We look forward to welcoming you all to this event - "every slice helps those affected by cancer live their lives".

Charity Quiz Night: A fun quiz for all, bringing neighbours, families and friends together under one roof. Pit your wits against each other (max 6 per table). Prizes along the way including a raffle. Light refreshments will be provided.

Final details in the next edition of The Hare. *Events Group*

Weather report: April-May



One year on and quite a contrast in temperatures compared with last year when May and later June produced extremely

warm temperatures. This year temperatures have varied between above and below average. There has also been a persistent easterly trait in the wind direction which, yes, you've guessed, has been driven by the constantly changing position of the jetstream. This too has affected our rainfall amounts for the past 2 months. So far I've recorded 50mm in the first 10 days of May with the monthly total at 54.55mm (2.15") but little showing in the forecast up to the end of May. April was very dry at just 9.33 mm (.36") recorded. Mercifully for gardeners, with the cooler daytime temperatures and some cold nights the soil has retained some moisture. Last year for the same 2 months I recorded 100mm (4") but June was very dry and hot indeed!

Now what's the weather going to conjure up for us this summer? Who knows - but don't take any notice of tabloid forecasts.

Richard Tyler

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Tony's Nature Notes

Some interesting birds have been seen in Huntingfield in the past few weeks, a Black Redstart was seen on a local farm, this is a robin-sized dark grey bird with a red



tail. Also at the same site two Wheatears were noted which, like the Redstart, are migrants heading to northern

breeding areas. Wheatears are stunning grey, black and white birds, slightly larger than Sparrows, which feed on insects such as beetles and show a bright flash of white rump as they fly. Several people have also told me that they have heard a Cuckoo calling around the village, which is very welcome news as the population of this fascinating species is in decline in the UK.

I also received news about an unusual bird at Bramfield - it was a Great Grey Shrike. The shrikes are small predatory birds with a hooked beak and all the species sport a bandit-like dark mask around their eyes. This particular bird spent a few days feeding on large insects, worms or small birds before heading off - probably to cross the North Sea to Scandinavia where they breed. It's possible that it wintered in the UK or more likely further south in Europe (Spain). We had easterly winds at the time it appeared so it's possible the bird drifted slightly west on these winds. It was certainly a nice surprise as these are handsome birds: one so close to Huntingfield was not to be missed.

Seeing this splendid bird perched conspicuously at the top of a hedge reminded me of a close cousin of this species, the Red-backed Shrike, which used to be quite a common summer visitor to East Anglia and other parts of Southern Britain. There were several hundred pairs breeding in old orchards, hedgerows and heathland in the 1950s. Sadly, it is now extinct as a breeding species in the UK and now only occurs as a vagrant in the autumn. This sad decline, which saw the last British breeding pair at Santon Downham near Brandon in the 1980s, is a result of climate change, habitat loss and, to a large extent, illegal egg collection.

Extinction has been in the headlines recently with the environmental movement *Extinction Rebellion*, who use non violent disruption tactics in their campaign - reminiscent of the Suffragettes. They recently caused transport disruption in London to raise awareness of their alarm regarding climate change and ecological collapse which, they believe, could result in human extinction.

The *Global Strike for Future* involved over a million school children worldwide taking action by striking from school lessons for similar reasons. This movement was started by Swedish schoolgirl, Greta Thunberg, who has recently spoken to the politicians at the R20 World Summit in Austria, one of her quotes stating "*this is an emergency situation and the biggest crisis that humanity has faced*".

Whilst these views may seem extreme it has to be said that signs of climate change are becoming more and more obvious with temperatures expected to carry on rising unless we can lower global carbon emissions.

Without going into detail one subject that should be of major concern are the oceans. It has been highlighted by David Attenborough that we are damaging the eco-systems in our seas with tiny particles of plastic and sea temperatures rise. Whilst this rise in sea temperature is lower than in the air, it goes down to such a depth that it affects virtually all marine life. Because warmer water takes more volume we will also witness a rise in coastal sea levels.

In my opinion, of particular concern are the effects of these factors on marine algae, which produces around 80% of the oxygen in our atmosphere. If, for any reason there is a fall in the density of this unseen life support system it would lead to a reduction in atmospheric oxygen - of which the effects on all life, particularly humans, would be truly catastrophic. Hopefully our world politicians and scientists will all pull together to solve this potentially huge problem.

Tony Howe

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Heveningham Hall Country Fair



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landscape of Suffolk's finest Georgian mansion near Halesworth on Saturday 22nd & Sunday 23rd June. This year's Country Fair, which sees all profits and proceeds raised go to charity, includes lots of attractions both in the main ring and throughout the parkland. For more information go to www.countryfair.co.uk.

Country Fair Tickets (in advance / on the gate):

Adult: £15 / £18, Children (5-14): £6 / £8

Over 60 or disabled: £13 / £16, Family: £37 / £42

Children (under 5): FREE

Heveningham Concours Tickets (in advance / on the gate; all include entry to the Country Fair)

Adult: £25 / £28, Over 60 or disabled: £23 / £26

Family: £57 / £62. Children: FREE with paying Adult

Huntingfield Craft Club

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

We also have an informal group (mainly knitters) meeting in the Huntingfield Arms on Monday evenings from 6.30pm. All welcome to both meetings.

Helen Cannon

Untutored Life Drawing at the Hub

16th June and 13th July, 2-6pm.

Spend some time on your own work in our un-tutored studio session with the life model. Groups are generally small (max 20 people, so places are limited) with friendly, like minded artists. We will be using a variety of professional models with a mixture of short and long poses. Chairs and tables available but please bring your own materials. If using wet materials, please bring something to protect the floor. Refreshments provided.

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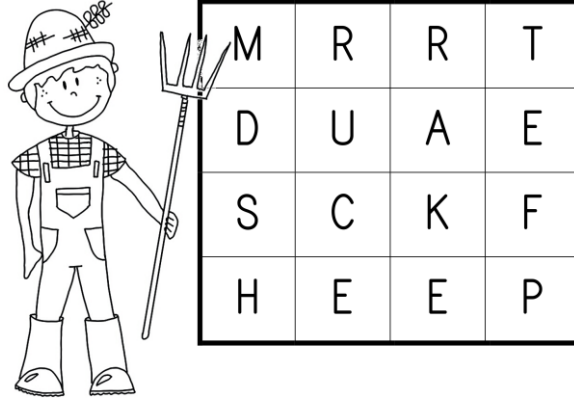
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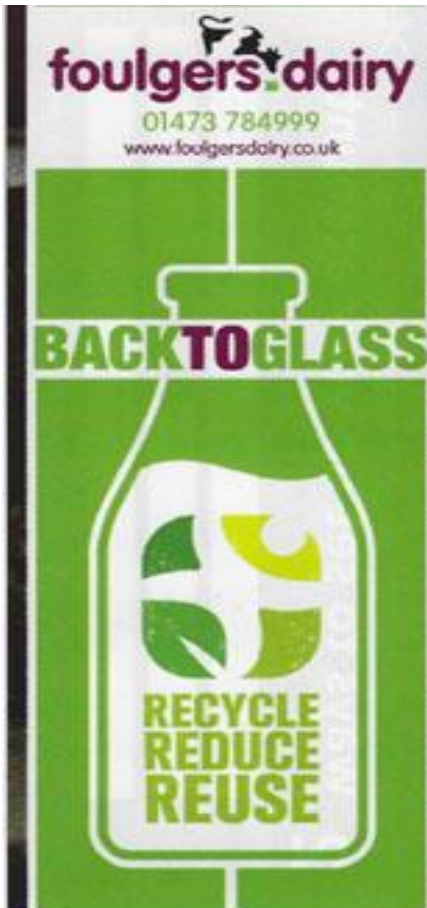
Congratulations to Bronwen and Tegan Back who won the Harry Potter word search in the last issue. They both got lovely Easter eggs for their efforts. Well done to Alfie Revell who came a close second. Better luck this time. Remember to get your entry in early



Boggled puzzles are very easy to play. You need to find as many 3 or more letter words as you can. You form words by starting anywhere on the grid and moving to adjoining letters. You can move horizontally, vertically and diagonally in any direction.

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 - 4 letters = 2 points
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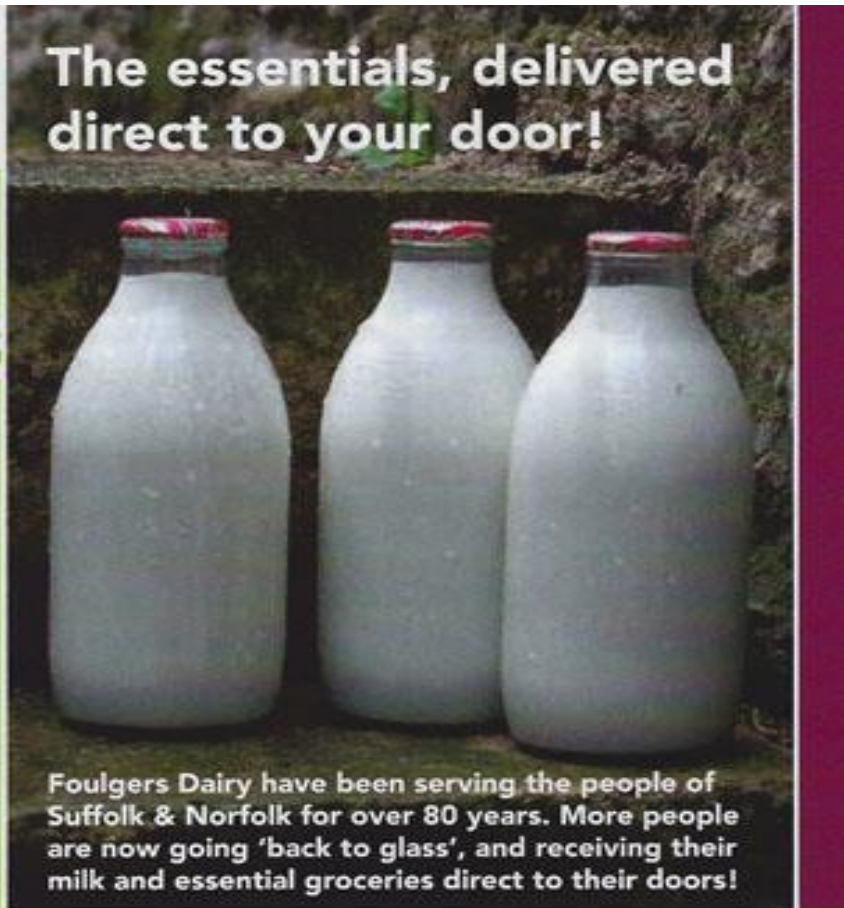
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What's on – dates for your diary

June

- 3rd Meditation at The Hub, 7pm (page 7)
- 5th Wednesday Club, 2pm
- 7th Kids Club, 4-5.30pm (page 6)
- 8th Hub Brunch, 10.30-11.30am (page 1)
- 14th Rural Coffee Caravan 10am-12 noon (page 1)
- 14th Life Drawing Workshop at The Hub, 2-6pm (page 10)
- 18th Mobile library, 3.10pm (page 12)
- 22nd – 23rd Heveningham Hall Country Fair, 10am (page 10)

July

- 3rd Wednesday Club, 2pm
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- 8th Meditation at The Hub, 7pm (page 7)
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- 13th Hub Brunch, 10.30-11.30am (page 1)
- 14th Millennium Green Family Fun Day, 12 noon (page 1)
- 14th Service at St Mary's, 9.30am
- 16th Mobile library, 3.10pm (page 12)
- 19th Kids Club, 4-5.30pm (page 6)

Regular events at The Hub

Zumba	Monday	11 am-noon	
Pilates	Tuesday,	10-11 am; Thursday 9-10 am	
Jive & Swing Dance	Tuesday	7.30-9.30 pm	
Beginners Italian	Tuesday	2-4 pm (book via Coastal Leisure Learning)	
Ukulele	Tuesday	4.30-6 pm (book via Coastal Leisure Learning)	
Stretch & Strengthen	Wednesday	10-11 am	
Meditation at The Hub	1st Monday of each month.	7 pm	
Table Tennis	Thursday	7.30-9.30 pm	
Wednesday club	First Weds of each month	2-4 pm	(5 th June, 3 rd July)
Kids Club	Friday, fortnightly,	4.00-5.30 pm	(7 th June, 5 th & 19 th July)
Craft Club	1 st and 3 rd Thursday of each month	1-3 pm	(6 th & 20 th June, 4 th & 18 th July)

Mobile Library



The mobile library will be in Huntingfield on **18th June & 16th July – outside the Hub from 3.10-3.30 pm.** Information on our route (13) can be found at <https://www.suffolklibraries.co.uk/mobiles-home/saxmundham-mobile-library-route-13/>.

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