

# HUNTINGFIELD HARE



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PLEASE NOTE THERE WILL BE NO BRUNCH IN AUGUST

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### Heveningham Hall Country Fair

A massive 'thank you' to everyone who supported this year's Heveningham Hall Country Fair.

The Fair was the most successful ever, weather included. The residents of Huntingfield as always played a large part in its success by offering their time as stewards, putting up and taking down tents and serving tea and cakes.

You gave over 100 Tombola prizes and 2 of the top raffle prizes.

Finally thanks to everyone who baked cakes and scones, the demand for homemade cakes over the weekend raised a staggering £10,100. Phew...here's to next year!  
*Sally Clarke*



### Summer Solstice 10km Charity Walk Thursday 21st June

Our second Summer Solstice Walk drew people and their dogs from Ubbeston, Badingham, Laxfield, Cratfield, Lowestoft and Huntingfield.

The route took in the new and old lakes at Heveningham, the path across the Hall grounds, through the woods and back down into Huntingfield past the Queen's Oak. It was a perfect summer evening rounded off with a glass of Pimms and £300 raised for EACH.

Thank you to everyone who walked and donated to this cause. EACH supports more than 700 children, young people and family members in our region and they will all benefit from your generosity.  
*Events Group*



### Churchwarden's Chat

As you may be aware Huntingfield is planning a commemoration of the end of World War 1 on **Remembrance Sunday 11th November**. At St Mary's we would like to mount an exhibition of memorabilia - so, if you have any items from any war, photographs, medals, certificates etc. we would love to borrow them.

The exhibition will be mounted on display boards placed around the church, which will be supervised at all times, so you can be assured that your precious items will be safe. The photographs do not need to relate to Huntingfield folk; I shall certainly be asking my 93 years old mother to lend me items relating to her father!

Carla and David have been working very hard in the churchyard. The cables along the path are in and the trench filled. They managed to get this phase completed before the wedding of Danielle and Rob Wilson on 21st July. The church looked beautiful on that day, filled with white flowers. There were 80 peonies in the font!

I have never seen the church look more beautiful than it did on our Open Weekend in June as the photograph shows. My thanks again to our friends in Spexhall for their skill and creativity.

There will be services at St Mary's at 9:30 a.m. on **August 12th, September 9th and October 14th.** *Linda Berry*



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### Film Night at The Hub

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Film night recommences—more details in the next Hare

### Celebrations

Congratulations to Nigel Jerrey on his 70th birthday on 18th July.

Congratulations also go to Pip and Jenny Canham who celebrate their Golden Wedding Anniversary in September



**The 2018 OVO Energy Women's Cycle Tour of Great Britain** took place in June this year. There were five stages, each averaging around 130 km. The first stage being held in Suffolk on the 13th June. It started in Framlingham and finished in Southwold, the route included a loop through Ipswich and Stowmarket then back to Framlingham and cross country to Southwold. On the way they came through our parish passing Heveningham Hall lake heading to Halesworth. The winner of the stage was Jolien D'hoore from the Mitchelon Scott team. The eventual race winner was the American Coryn Riviera (Team Sunweb) who incidentally won the sprint held at Needham Market during the Suffolk stage.

It was a colourful sight as the peleton cruised past in a seemingly effortless manner. The picture shows a group of the riders passing Heveningham Hall, the rider with the rainbow bands on her jersey is the reigning world champion Chantal Blaak from Holland proving what a high status the Women's Tour holds in World Cycling. *Tony Howe*

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## Budding Ideas - June 2018

What a Summer it's been so far - we certainly can't complain about the fabulous weather but what we can complain about, as most of us gardeners do, is the lack of rainfall and with the driest June/July since 1928, most of us are viewing the results in the shape of our dry, straw-like lawns and struggling borders.



If your lawn is looking like a wasteland, you really cannot do anything about it - you just have to rely solely on the turf's natural ability to survive in dry conditions and in all but the most extreme situations lawns will recover once the rains come and the temperatures cool, which, let's face it, in this country we *know* will happen.

There are, however, a few things you can do to give your lawn a better chance of survival. If you are tempted to cut the lawn at all during these dry spells, the answer probably is don't do it, but if you must, then raise the blades on your mower and leave the grass longer. It's worth doing this anyway - try to get into the habit of not cutting quite so tightly, as it leaves the lawn better prepared to cope with dry spells. And leave the clippings on the lawn; it helps to protect the lawn and also means nitrogen is re-absorbed, helping boost the lawn's root strength and therefore the overall conditions of the lawn.

Whilst your poor lawn is hanging on for dear life, drought resistant weeds such as clover and yarrow will be able to spread amid the weakened grass. Now I for one do not mind clover in my grass; the bees love it and we should all be doing our bit for the bees, but I don't have much time for the other stuff that tends to encroach. Give your lawn some time to recover and the rainfall to increase, then come September get your first Autumn combination weed and feed treatment applied - this will strengthen root growth and again, the overall lawn condition.

The chances are that your borders have a real mix of plants and that means that each plant's ability to withstand drought depends on a variety of things - soil type, plant type, how long the plant has been established and dependent on that criteria, some plants will show very quickly how unhappy they are whilst others will soldier on regardless.

You do not have to water everything - concentrate your efforts on those plants which really need help and believe me, they will show you very quickly if they are struggling. If you have got a plant that is showing signs of problems; foliage turns dull and wilts, then water thoroughly at the roots but also spray across leaves - do not do this in the heat of the day but early in the morning or late in the evening - the water is far more quickly absorbed through the leaves than the roots so a combination of both will really give your plant the help it requires.

Once again, we come back to good ongoing management - we do have to do things differently in the garden to prepare for the challenges changing climate brings but small changes go a long way and become habit. Just remember that in order to appreciate how your garden responds to your hard work, a glass of wine at the end of the day is essential!  
*Lori Kingsley-Adams*

### Huntingfield Open Weekend - 9th & 10th June

A glorious weekend of sunshine brought out around 200 people to enjoy the gardens, church, bee keeping display and art and photographic exhibition. Refreshments were provided by willing volunteers baking cakes and serving teas. The gardens had reached their prime as the heatwave had yet to impact the flowers. Visitors gave very favourable feedback, even saying, 'See you next year!' The church was beautifully decorated with many floral displays. We thank everyone who helped out and made this such a successful weekend. The proceeds from the weekend will be used for a village project which we have yet to decide upon - so watch this space.

*Mike Stephens*

Running alongside the Open Gardens was an exhibition of Art and Photography in The Hub. Visitors enjoyed over 100 exhibits submitted by local people. Thanks to all who took part and special thanks to Cratfield for the loan of display boards (and David Hull for their transportation). Alongside perusal of local art, the refreshments, including home-made cakes, proved extremely popular. Grateful thanks to those who donated cakes and helped with the teas. All-in-all a very successful and well-received addition to the garden event.

*Helen Cannon*

## Joan's Column

There have been some changes to report on the Council since the last edition of The Hare.

Due to a change in work commitments Cllr Edward Watson has resigned. The Council would like to thank him for his years of service and wish him every success in his new job. We were delighted at last month's meeting to welcome Mrs Emma Ward as a Councillor. Emma and her family have lived in the village for many years and will be well known to many of you.

Our Parish Clerk, Karen Forster, has been busy guiding us through the minefield that is the new General Data Protection Regulations (GDPR) that came into effect in May. It is a painstaking and time consuming task and we are grateful to Karen for attending seminars and going through the vast amounts of documentation to ensure that we will be fully compliant with all the regulations.

**We are looking for someone who would be prepared to maintain the general section of the village website with local items and to prepare the 'home page'. The Clerk will continue to input the Council information and The Hub Trustees will continue to maintain their section.**

Your can view the website at [www.huntingfield.onesuffolk.net](http://www.huntingfield.onesuffolk.net)

**If you feel you can help with this please contact me or any one of the councillors.**

Due to Cllr Watson's resignation there is now a vacancy on the Council, if you are interested in joining the Council please contact the Parish Clerk, her details can be found on the back page, or alternatively speak to one of the Councillors.

The next Parish Council meetings are on:-

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

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## Hub Brunches

**NO BRUNCH IN AUGUST**

**Next Brunch is on  
Saturday 1st September 11 a.m.—12 noon**

### A Breakfast Special

to be cooked up for us by Emma and Alistair.

The price will still be £5 - half price for children.

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

*The Hub Trustees*



### Whoops - now how did that happen?

The Forge on Bridge Street was damaged on the day of the Heveningham Hall Country Fair. It is a building of interest and stands in front of 'The Thatched Cottage' locally known as 'Blacksmiths Cottage'

The Forge has an ordnance survey cut mark on the front of it facing the road - you can see it clearly from the roadside it. It looks like this (see photograph on the right).

Heveningham Hall Estate, which owns The Forge told us 'An unfortunate incident to an iconic

part of the village. We are currently assessing the damage with building surveyors, with intention to rebuild.' *Editors*



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### War Memorial

The village war memorial was listed by Historic England in January this year. The statement received was:-

'I am pleased to inform you that having considered our recommendation, the Secretary of State for Digital, Culture, Media and Sport has decided to add Huntingfield War Memorial Cross to the List of Buildings of Special Architectural or Historic Interest. The memorial is now listed at Grade II'. This was then discussed at the following Parish Council Meeting.

The letter went on to say:-'Listing helps us to mark a building's significance and celebrate its special architectural and historic interest. It brings specific protection so that its special interest can be properly considered in managing its future. Listing does not mean, however, that no alterations can be made - in fact in the vast majority of cases applications to make changes to a listed building are approved. Further information about listed buildings can be found on the 'Your Home' pages of our website'. So, NO activity such as cleaning or repairing the War Memorial can take place without Listed Buildings Planning Permission. To get that permission, the Parish Council will need to apply to the District Council with details of the contractor who will carry out the work as well as the work to be done. As ever there is a cost to this.

If you would like any further information about this listing then you can check

<http://services.historicengland.org.uk/webfiles/GetFiles.aspx?av=62C624C2-D6814318-8134-K1B2A9687D4D3&cn=A461855C-DA98-4FDC-8D0C-65341BF6B3B1>  
**Karen Forster—Huntingfield Parish Clerk**



# Our Mystery Guest in this issue is Jim Wardale

Hello! I'm Jim Wardale and married to the lovely Jos Bailey; we moved to Burin Barn next door to the Arms in January this year. I have two children from my first marriage, Richard and Rosalind and Jos has two daughters, Esther and Amy. The photo shows us at Esther's wedding in 2015 properly dressed up. I'm afraid that's as good as it gets with me!

Sorry you didn't get the chance to puzzle over clues in the last edition, but I untypically missed the deadline. I'm a retired electronics engineer, having worked in the aerospace sector most recently. Jos is a retired special needs teacher who worked in north London for most of her time in education. I was born a Suffolk lad in Sudbury in 1953 (the year of the serious flooding that engulfed large parts of East Anglia); hopefully not an omen! We



(Pilgrim Morris)

moved to Cambridge in my teens where I was a student at the Cambridgeshire High School for Boys; I missed Syd Barrett by a couple of years, possibly just as well. I went to Birmingham University in the early 70s where a close relationship was formed with 'curry row' and the M & B brewery. My time was not entirely misspent; jobs taking me from there to Yeovil, Guildford and Lichfield during my working life.

It wasn't all hard graft tho'; I am, for my sins, an ex-Morris Man (we never die, just caper off into the sunset!). My Cotswold side was called Pilgrim Morris, and over 10 years or so in the 80s we graced (some would say terrorised) the pubs of Surrey and often further afield. One particularly memorable bus trip was to Oberursel, near Frankfurt, as cultural ambassadors for Aldershot during a twinning ceremony. The good burghers of Oberursel may still talk about it to this day! We also had a very beery friendship with a northwest clog side from Manchester called Gorton Morris; they had a two mile pub crawl called the Hyde Road Run. 'Nuff said.

Eventually I sobered up sufficiently to get on with my life. I got into a phase of doing lots of live music gigs and festivals such as Glastonbury, the Cambridge Folk Festival, End of the Road, Latitude and more recently the charming Folk East in Glemham. I've experienced aptly named 'Glastonbury moments' with Neil Young and Johnny Marr coming to mind and shall we say 'Cambridge moments' with Gillian Welch, Steve Goodman and Tim O'Brien amongst many others. One great highlight at Latitude was seeing Hall and Oates, and Folk East patrons The Young Uns are huge favourites. Of even greater significance was the New York Dolls gig at The Forum in London on 22nd October 2006 where in the half dark and noise I bumped into a very heavily made up and backcombed Jos Bailey for the very first time, but that's another story.

More recently we've enjoyed some rather awesome road trips in the USA. Of particular note was a 3 week jaunt through most of the national parks in Utah and northern California having stopped off in Memphis to visit Graceland (Jos would rather have married Elvis!). We hired a black Dodge Charger RT in Las Vegas (over 2 tonnes of good American (or possibly Chinese?) steel with around 300 horses to get it moving. The Mississippi from New Orleans to Memphis was equally memorable taking in a swamp tour near Lafayette, the antebellum mansions of Natchez, the preserved battlefields of the siege of Vicksburg and, of course, Sun and STAX in Memphis.

I like to think of myself as a bit of an inventor; my motto is 'never choose the simplest solution'. In the last few years I've created devices for watering grow-bags in the greenhouse, monitoring solar panels and battery charging our static caravan as well as pointing my telescope to observe the harder-to-see celestial bodies. Huntingfield's skies are mercifully dark suffering only a little light pollution. The Orion Nebula was a lovely sight.

This is probably getting a bit too long so I'd like to finish with a big thank-you to everyone we've met in Huntingfield and around for making us feel so welcome. We're delighted to be here and look forward to getting involved in village life, helping out wherever we can.



(Jim and Jos in 2015)

**Suffolk Coastal Local Plan** - Suffolk Coastal is producing a new local plan, setting out a strategy for growth and development across the district to 2036.

**Public Drop-in Sessions** Wenhaston Village Hall —  
Wednesday 8th August 16:00—19:30.

Yoxford Village Hall - Thursday 23rd August - 16:00—19:30

**Book Sale Weekend** —Quality second-hand books: fiction, non-fiction, children's - also some Bric-a-Brac.  
Sibton Church—Sat. **Sun. Bank Holiday Monday - 25th-27th August 10:30—4:30 p.m.** Free Admission. Cream teas & refreshments. Parking on Glebe Meadow.

## Petanque Club News

Since my last report at the end of May, we have played another 3 matches which were against Eye, Withersdale and Mendham and Meadlands Mavericks Stowmarket. Of these, 2 were home matches which in both cases we lost 3-1 and the away match v Meadlands we lost 4-0. The games lost don't really show the full picture because in reality the points scored in the 2 home matches were very close thus showing that our level of play is better than the results suggest. As a Club, we need to hone our 'shooting' skills because this is where we seem to have missed out, but then it's only a game. We are still looking for players as for one reason or another our numbers are slowly but surely sliding downwards. If you would like to try playing Petanque, please contact me.



We have 2 more league matches to play, one in August and the other in September so by the time the Hare is next published it will all be over. The Hares Knockout Competition is still in progress but we are nearing the semi-final stages so that will be finished soon too. *Richard Tyler (Captain) 798403*

**Guess Who?** Can you identify this Mystery Guest?

- Fought in the British Open Judo Championships
- An outdoors type, professionally and for fun
- Is learning to play the mandolin **WHO IS IT?**

## Huntingfield 100 Club

May winners:-	June winners:-
£30 99 Stephen Harrison	£30 48 Helen Cannon
£15 64 Marian Cannell	£15 50 Paul Marjoran
£5 5 Emma Ward	£5 96 Gill Davey

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

If you already subscribe to our 100 Club either Julie Collett, Marian Cannell or I shall be asking whether you would like to renew. If you don't already take part, now's your chance!

For £12 a year you are entered into the monthly draw to win £30, £15 or £5 and half your subscription goes towards the upkeep and maintenance of our wonderful Millennium Green, children's play area, wildflower meadow and orchard, as well as the petanque and football pitches.

If you would like to join, please contact me [susanmbrewer@mac.com](mailto:susanmbrewer@mac.com) or 01986 798169.

Good luck for the next 100 Club year!

*Sue Brewer*

## Rainfall in 2018

Looking out of the window the sun shines and the temperature in the shade away from buildings and other temperature influences is 26c and the humidity just 44%. Well, I'm not sure where to start. Rain, there has been very little. Sun, quite a lot. East to northerly winds, quite a lot also with the upside of this being it's been a bit less oppressive in the east than across large swathes of the country. In June I recorded just 0.26" (6.6mm) and the last recorded rainfall was on the 12th June. Last year there was 1.42" (31.5mm) in June. July so far this year = none and the total for July last year was 3.25" (82.55mm) so nothing to be said there. Cumulatively to the end of July 2017 there were 13.3" (337.82mm) and so far to the end of July this year 13.40" (340.36mm) and this last figure will be important with respect to the current and prolonged drought this year compared to that of 1976 and other dry years.

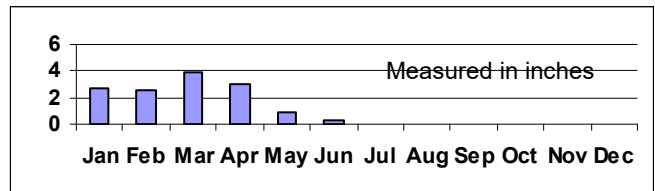
### So why the drought and the heatwave this year?

According to the meteorologists, the NW Atlantic sea surface temperatures are much colder than normal for this time of the year. This causes the jet stream that effects our weather to be much further north than usual. Also some small parts of the main jet stream have split and headed south. This then has allowed a ridge of high pressure to become lodged over us and a large part of Scandinavia causing a pool of warm air to stay close by and keep the rain bearing Atlantic fronts away from us.

**Will it be as hot as '76?** Well, possibly if the weather continues as is. **Will '76 records be exceeded?** Maybe but all is dependent on whether we get rain, how high the temperatures get for so many days and so on. Certainly this year will be among the 5 or 10 year all time records.

**Will water shortages be as bad as '76?** No, the river/reservoir and aquifer levels were much higher than in '76 which was preceded by 18 months of dryer than average conditions.

Lastly do put water out for the birds and hedgehogs which really struggle in very dry weather. *Richard Tyler*



## Doreen Livonia Carroll RIP

Since our move to Huntingfield (Cookley Green) in 1986 Doreen was much involved with the church, serving as sacristan for a considerable time. Doreen was a member of the Parochial Church Council and, much to her delight, a member of the choir from its beginning with Joyce McDonald. She was a devout Christian and as such what I can only describe as the personification of 'LOVE'. During our time in London Doreen had been a JP in Canning Town.

Doreen was diagnosed with Leukaemia in January and initially was wonderfully cared for in the Sandra Chapman Unit and Ward 17 of the James Paget Hospital. Eventually my daughter, Tracey, and I, with very generous help of the district nurses and the Marie Curie unit nursed her at home until her death at the age of 88 on Easter Sunday, April 1st - the day of the Resurrection.

*Mike Carroll*



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Tunisian crochet has had an uncertain and fluctuating history. For one thing, nobody quite knows where it came from — despite the name, we can't be sure that the style even originated in Tunisia.



One theory credits sailors and shepherds with developing the technique as a simple way of creating warm clothing.

It seems most likely that it evolved from a style of hooked knitting practiced in Africa and Central Asia, including in Tunisia and Afghanistan. Hooked knitting shares elements with both conventional knitting and crochet, being worked on two long needles with hooked ends.



With such a hazy history, it is not surprising that Tunisian crochet has been known by many names. It seems that the French first attached the '**Tunisian**', although they have also given us the popular term **tricot** (tricot is French for knitting, appropriately reflecting Tunisian crochet's blend of the two fabrics).

Other names that you might encounter include **shepherd's knitting**, **German work**, **Russian work**, **fool's or idiot's stitch** (encouraging for beginners!), **crochet knit**, **Tunis crochet**, and **railway stitch**, it is thought to come from the working-class girls who crocheted while waiting for their trains to the factories and mills of nineteenth-century England.

A 1907 copy of Needlecraft periodical gives an introduction to the craft:

***This useful work in its simple form is also known as tricot, tricote, idiot, fool or dolt stitch, and is greatly employed for scarves, sofa rugs and other articles that require a firm, close stitch. For light and dainty articles, it is quite unsuitable. In Germany and France, however, many varieties of the stitch are worked, some being close and others light and open so that they may be employed for every purpose, from couvre-pieds waistcoats and golf blouses to baby's garments and shawls.***



## Tunisian Crochet: A Short History



Unlike knitting or conventional crochet, Tunisian crochet's popularity has fluxed with time and has never truly regained the popularity it enjoyed in the nineteenth century.

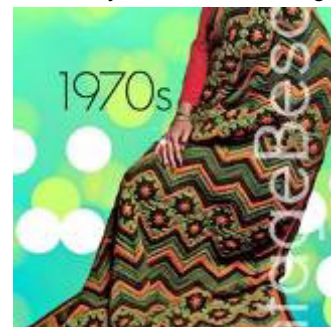
Thanks to the sharing of craft ideas enabled by the Internet, this lovely fabric is finally having its due resurgence. *Liz Forrester*  
Ref: [The Craft Academic.wordpress.com](http://The Craft Academic.wordpress.com)

Tunisian crochet remained a reasonably popular craft until about the 1920s, particularly lingering in Norway (where it is called **hakkning**).

As the twentieth century progressed and the role of needlecrafts in women's lives shifted, however, Tunisian crochet was one of those that faded from the picture.



A simple form of Tunisian crochet enjoyed a short revival in the 1970s, particularly in the United States. Even then, most crafters remained oblivious to the variety of stitch textures available to them, largely using the basic 'Afghan stitch' or 'Tunisian simple stitch' to create thick, plain-coloured blankets for subsequent decoration — the square, grid-like pattern produced by the Afghan stitch makes an ideal base for embroidery and cross-stitching.



## A Little bit of Huntingfield History

Taken from the Minutes of a meeting held on 10th January 1974 of the Hut Committee.  
'The feasibility of repairing the old Hut was discussed and some members thought this would be a waste of money. Mr Longe suggested getting advice from the architect. Plans for a new hall were discussed.

The following meeting held on 22nd January heard the architect, Mr Hollins, say that 'the old Hut was too rotten and unstable'. At a meeting on 26th February 1974 the Minutes state that the cost of the new hall 'would be about £9,000 including site work and basic fittings'. Later in the same meeting the Chairman said he 'was worried about the children playing with old corrugated iron and wooden debris on the site. It was decided to report this to the Parish Council.' (42 years later a new hall was built!)

The Committee comprised:- Rev. Bickley—Rectory, Mr Butcher—P.O. stores, Mr Cotterill—The Arms, Mr Cutts—1 Holland Rise, Mr Jackson—Hurdle Hall, Linstead, Mrs Loftus—Valley Farm, Mr Longe—Old Rectory, Mr Mower—2 Holland Rise, Hon. Mrs Peel—Huntingfield Hall, Mr Pye—Newall Hall, Mr Rayner—4 Holland Rise, Mrs Symonds—Ubbeston, Mr & Mrs Williamson—Low Farm. *Editors*



## Huntingfield Millennium Green



The Millennium Green is not living up to its name at the moment. It is looking decidedly brown and several of the flower species blossomed early and very briefly, but the grass will soon recover when we have some rain. Some of the fruit trees have looked a bit stressed particularly the recently planted ones, so we have been watering those and hopefully they will be OK.

Two dates in October to note in your diaries for MG fundraising events. The ever popular '**Race Night**' is planned for **Saturday 13th** and the hugely enjoyable '**Apple Day**' will be taking place on **Sunday the 28th**. This year we plan to have a slight difference in that locally grown and made produce will be on sale, so if you know any local folk or farmers who would like to partake please let me or Marian know. Details on back page. *Tony Howe MG Chair*

## Joyce McDonald - 4th August 1917—4th July 2018

Memories of Joyce and her time in Huntingfield from Christine Cooper, Audrey Hanslip and Joyce's son Michael.

**Christine** - Until 2012 Joyce lived at Old School House. I met Joyce in 1988. What an amazing lady. I feel so privileged to have known her. I would take Joyce to the WI evenings. If I sat next to her in the meetings it was difficult not to laugh as there were always little asides. A great conversationalist - always asking questions in her lovely cultured voice and always interested in you. I'm sure many of you, reading this, will not have known Joyce. Sadly it's your loss, for elderly people with a wealth of memories of a life well-lived are to be treasured.

**Audrey** - When Joyce left Huntingfield it felt like the end of an era. Recently Joyce told her daughter, Celia, that as a young lady she wanted to become a first class musician, raise a family and own a lovely garden and that she felt she'd achieved all of these. Whilst a member of the BBC orchestra during the war their headquarters were moved to Bedford for safety. This was a very hectic time, going back and forth for concerts, also performing in factories all over the place to entertain the workers who were working day and night. This took its toll and Joyce often fell asleep while playing. Later she and her husband Gerald, who became head of music at the BBC, moved to Manchester where she became a member of the Hallé Orchestra and brought up their 3 children, John, Michael and Celia. About 40 years ago they retired to Huntingfield where they introduced music concerts to the village both in the church and in their home. Several singers and instrumentalists came from London to perform.

Joyce soon became church organist for the benefice and ten years later she founded and trained a choir keeping both of these posts until she left the village. Choir practice was held in the schoolroom, now her sitting room. From her seat at the grand piano Joyce led us in her quiet professional way and eventually we were singing very difficult works more or less to her satisfaction. Joyce was also a very good artist showing and selling her work at many local events. Her garden was a joy to explore and much admired by passers-by. Many coffee mornings and strawberry teas were held there and into her nineties Joyce could be seen wheeling her laden wheelbarrow or bent double tending her plants. She loved adventures with her friends, very often ending in some mishap or other and always much laughter. It has been a joy and privilege to have been her friend.

**Michael** Between 1981, when I left for Japan, and 2012 when she moved to Wilshire, I spent most of my summer holidays with her at the Old School House. The first thing that always struck me was how quiet the place was! My wife, Sakae, found this rather disconcerting: she complained that she could hear the grass growing! But for me it was a blessed relief from the hustle and bustle of Tokyo - a place where you could spend an hour chatting over the gate and not worry about 'wasting time'.

My memory of the early days, when my dad (Gerald) was still alive, are very hazy. What I remember chiefly are the colourful characters who inhabited the place, like the Rev. John Bickley, or "Bickers" as we called him, who lived opposite us in what was then The Rectory. He was reputed to have a fondness for the geegees and the bottle, preferably in combination, and he would answer the door dressed in his pyjamas.

Top of the list of characters by some distance was Alan Ingate, who my dad got to know through frequent horticultural discussions over a pint at the Huntingfield Arms. After dad died in 1988, Alan helped mum look after the garden for many years. He claimed never to have been to a dentist, and his lack of teeth, combined with his very strong Suffolk accent meant that even some of the locals had a hard time understanding what he was saying. I remember sitting next to him on the bus back from Halesworth one day, listening to him talking, and trying to make appropriate responses. After he got off, I received a round of applause from the other passengers. "However did you manage to understand him?" someone asked. "I didn't," I replied, "I just tried to nod and smile at what seemed appropriate times." My mum was the only person I knew who appeared to fully understand Alan, which was just as well since she depended on him for so long to keep her garden under control and to keep her supplied with fruit and vegetables. When my young kids came for the summer they loved it when he taught them to dig potatoes and pick runner beans.

After dad's death, mum took on a new lease of life. One of her new hobbies was globetrotting - she visited Japan four times, South Africa, Canada, the US, Cyprus, Spain, Portugal, Hawaii, Guam amongst other countries. One of my most treasured memories of those years was during a trip to Guam where, at the age of 75, she insisted on joining my kids on the long twisting water chute into the pool. The lifeguard nearly had a fit, but she loved it!

Her favourite hobby at that time was painting, and she actually became quite proficient. One of her proudest moments was when David Gentleman bought two of her portraits at a church fete, one of Marilyn Monroe, which he kept, and one of Boris Johnson, which she claimed was presented to the great man himself!

Among her many arty friendships, the deepest and longest-lasting was perhaps with Audrey Hanslip, with whom she also shared a love of music. They seemed to do everything together - painting, playing in string quartets, singing and playing in the choir and giggling together over a glass of sherry with their friend Caroline Drew from Cratfield. For many years mum was the church organist but, as her sight and strength began to go, Audrey would sit beside her on the organ stool, finding the correct page in the hymnbook for her and picking up the music when mum dropped it on the floor.

Huntingfield is not the most convenient place in the world for a single elderly person to live, and while mum was playing professionally - which she continued to do well into her 80s - she drove herself around. Her erratic driving became more and more of a concern to the family. The horror stories were numerous, but my most hair-raising experience was sitting with her while she was driving back from Bury St Edmunds. We came to a T junction where we joined a busy road, instead of hitting the brakes, as she intended, she hit the accelerator, drove across the junction at top speed and up onto a 3 or 4 foot bank on the other side, swerved to the right, drove along the bank on two wheels for several yards and came to a halt. When I expressed my feelings she was quite cross with me: "Now, shut up, there's no need to panic!"

Mercifully for everyone, her driving career came to an end when she fell asleep at the wheel and drove straight across the roundabout in Halesworth and ploughed into the wall on the other side. The car was a write-off, mum walked away unscathed. The fact that she was able to stay at the Old School House until she was 94 was to a large extent due to the help of her friends and neighbours: Maureen Cain next door, Chris & David Cooper, Tom and Linda Shelley, Roe Steel and her daughter Sue, Sue Eade and Audrey Hanslip. Several years after she'd left the Old School House I looked it up on Google Street View. There it was, with mum's shopping trolley in the middle of the road as a sign to the bus driver to blow his horn and wait for her to hobble out. Sadly, it is now gone from Street View, but mum's memory lives on with the family and - I hope - with some of you reading this now!



From Therese Coffey—our MP

It was great to celebrate Suffolk Day recently - the longest day of the year - to mark our status at the sunrise coast. Now in its second year, Suffolk Day celebrates all that is great about our county - and my goodness do we have a lot to shout about. Your seven Suffolk MPs took the celebrations nationwide as we welcomed food and drink providers to Parliament to showcase their wares to MPs and staff from across the country. With the success of our local economy based on tourism, I'm sure that Suffolk Day will continue to develop as a useful fillip for our businesses and a fun-filled day for local residents.

Finally, I'm sure the good weather has encouraged you to seek refreshment at your local pub. We have so many great pubs in Suffolk - and as a dedicated constituency MP I have visited every one. Someone has to do it! But I would like your help. I have the chance to nominate one of our fantastic pubs for the Parliamentary Pub of the Year award - and would like to hear from you which one I should nominate and why. The main criteria for the nomination is that the pub is great at what they do. Please email me at [therese.coffey.mp@parliament.uk](mailto:therese.coffey.mp@parliament.uk) before the 7th September.

### Notes from the Cow Shed and the Sheep Pen

You haven't heard from us in the cow shed for a while, but we are still his favourites - especially 'Cow Pat'.

It continues to be an extraordinary year weather wise - where we have enjoyed masses of grass during May and early June, now with nothing growing since the drought started at the end of May we are making do with seed heads and very dry stalks. The team made some early hay and silage for the winter, but we have started to consume this. I expect management have made some contingency plans as even with some substantial rain, re-growth will be marginal. It looks as if a diet of chopped straw, citrus pulp (oranges mainly) with some brewer's grains and pot ale syrup sounds a tasty mix, but he tells me it is a lot more expensive than grazed grass.

A downside to this is we have to be housed whilst on this diet as it has to be trough fed, whilst we are not particularly fussed about this, you can't beat wandering about in large fields. For us breeding age girls, we have had the boyfriends with us from the 1st June to 2nd August and should all be safely in calf. Our calves which have been with us since they were born in March will be weaned shortly. The calves will be returned to the home farm for further growing, they have been rigorously vaccinated against the soil-borne bacteria we suffered with last year, so hopefully all will be well.

Each year up to 300 replacement heifer calves are brought in from the dairying areas in the West Midlands and reared on milk replacer on the estate. Lucy is the main one in charge of them until they are on solid food at about ten weeks old, and then they go to the Henham Estate for the winter, where the soil is very sandy - that allows them to remain outside where it is much healthier, until the spring, on a diet of silage and concentrated cereal-based feed.



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That's probably enough from me as I wouldn't like to bore ewe!! Needless to say she (ewe) wants her penny worth. Of course I do—baaa!! Crickey, isn't it brown, where has all the green grass gone? Great for the diet/figure, but we are afraid his nibs is going to swap us for Aussie Merinos. We are pretending we can cope with Aussie conditions, but it is pretty obvious we can't. Many of us have been culled because of the drought and currently there is only 20% of the normal number around the village - at this moment it will have to be - watch this space!!

Enough from me, as we all know every time a sheep opens its mouth it loses a bite.

Happy holidays from all of us  
David Hull

# Nature Notes - June 2018

The hot dry weather that we are experiencing at the moment, as well as having an effect on us is also impacting the natural environment. Some species have benefited whilst some have gone into stress and are struggling to survive. Among those that have benefited are insects such as butterflies, dragonflies, bees and moths which are breeding successfully in large numbers. Evidence of a good breeding season for some birds has been seen locally with the largest flock of forty two newly fledged Swifts screaming around Huntingfield. These sickle shaped dark coloured birds breed under roof tiles and other nooks in buildings and are in decline in the UK so this large group is very welcome.

Another very unusual sighting was a Nightjar (pictured) that I noted feeding on moths just as it got dark over a local meadow. These birds are about the size of a kestrel with long wings and



cryptic plumage that helps to camouflage the birds when they roost in the daylight. They are crepuscular, meaning they are active at dawn and dusk, they have a long mechanical churring song and breed on heaths and forests such as Dunwich.

Some plant species have definitely been stressed by the dry conditions, the grass will recover but some trees that have shrivelled leaves may not. Worms, slugs, snails and centipedes will be struggling to find moisture so will be low in numbers. This could lead to larger animals such as shrews, voles and hedgehogs going hungry. This in turn may lead to species that rely on small mammals suffering; Barn Owls seem to be having a very poor breeding season. The 'Beast from the East, earlier in the year coupled with a lack of a good food supply has left female Barn Owls under the optimum weight to breed.

All the species will no doubt bounce back and often record good breeding seasons following a poor year. On a brighter note I was lucky enough to be able to join local moth expert Matthew Deans in checking some nearby moth traps. These are boxes with a bright light with a surrounding layer of empty egg trays. The moths are attracted to the light and fall through a plastic funnel into the trays. The moths can then be recorded before being released the next morning. One moth which seems to be a local H'field variety was found, it is a small yellowish moth with dark lines on its wings, its caterpillars feed on oak and beech.

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In the last issue we published a short piece about when to use the defibrillator. In that piece it stated that the machine should be used when the 'heart has stopped beating'. Thank you to the reader who picked up that this information was not entirely correct. The Community Heartbeat organisation's response is as follows:- 'the heart is in fibrillation, which means it is actually beating, but in an uncoordinated way, so it is not beating 'normally'.'

So our article **SHOULD** have read 'when the heart has stopped beating **normally**'. You should, of course begin CPR (cardiopulmonary resuscitation) immediately.

If you live in the centre of the village and are willing to have your name and phone number made available to others as a 'carrier' of the defib machine please get in touch with the editors.

*Editor*

**Huntingfield's newest resident!**

Mole is enjoying this spell of hot weather so much that he's gone on his holidays. If you come across him in your garden please remember to send him on his way smartly unless you would like a lumpy lawn as well as a brown one!

*Editors*

# Dates for your Diary

Library Van—page 5, Church Services—page 2, **All events are in The Hub unless otherwise stated**

- ★ Saturday 11th August 'A Taste of Italy' - page 1 and 12
- ★ Saturday 1st September Brunch at The Hub - page 5
- ★ Wednesday 19th September Parish Council Meeting - page 4
- ★ Saturday 28th September MacMillan Coffee Morning - page 1

## Coming Up!

- ★ Friday 5th October Film Night at The Hub—page 2
- ★ Saturday 13th October Race Night - page 8
- ★ Sunday 28th October Apple Day—page 8
- ★ Sunday 11th November War Commemoration Day - 2

## Regular events at The Hub below:

- ★ **Zumba** - Monday mornings 11.00—12.00 back again from 3rd September
- ★ **Pilates** - Tuesday mornings 9:30—10:30, 10:35—11:35, Thursday 9—10
- ★ **French for Beginners** - Tuesday afternoons 2—4 from 25th September
- ★ **Jive and Swing Dance** - Tuesday evenings - 7.30 p.m.—10.00 p.m.
- ★ **Ukulele** - Tuesday afternoons - 4:30—6:00 p.m. From 25th September
- ★ **Table Tennis** - Thursday evenings - 7.30—9:30 p.m.
- ★ **Carpet Bowls** - Friday afternoons - 2:00 - 3:30 p.m.
- ★ **Wednesday Club** - First Wed. in each month—1st August, 5th September 2—4 p.m.
- ★ **Kids Club** - Thursdays 9th & 30th August—10:30—1:30, then Fridays 7th & 21st September from 4—5:30 p.m.
- ★ **Craft Club** - Monday afternoons - 1st and 3rd in each month - 1 p.m.—3 p.m.
- ★ **Yoga** - Wednesday mornings 10:30—11:30 Starting 19th September

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The Hub Trustees are delighted to welcome you to **'A Taste of Italy'** on Saturday 11th August. The menu is as follows:-

- **Antipasti Freddo** - cured meats, roasted peppers in olive oil, artichoke hearts, mozzarella, olives, tomatoes, bruschetta with various toppings
- **Pasta Dishes** - Meat Lasagne, Roasted Vegetable Lasagne (V), Fresh Pasta with Meat Ragù, Fresh Pasta with Roasted Vegetable Ragù (V), all served with mixed salad and bread.
- **Dessert** - Tiramisu, Panna Cotta - various flavours, Torta del Nona - Granda's custard tart (contains nuts), Italian ice cream
- **Fine** - Afogatto—vanilla ice cream 'drowned' in a shot of espresso

Where else could you get a meal like this, which includes acoustic guitar music by Ian Cooper, for £15?

Email [thehub@huntingfield.org](mailto:thehub@huntingfield.org) for your tickets

**Kids Club** - We have 2 more Summer Specials - on Thursday 9th August and Thursday 30th August from 10:30—1:30 on each day. The cost is just £3 each child - they will need to bring a packed lunch. If you want to know more check out the Hub website—[www.huntingfield.onesuffolk.net](http://www.huntingfield.onesuffolk.net) Places are limited so email us at the above address to secure your child's place.

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