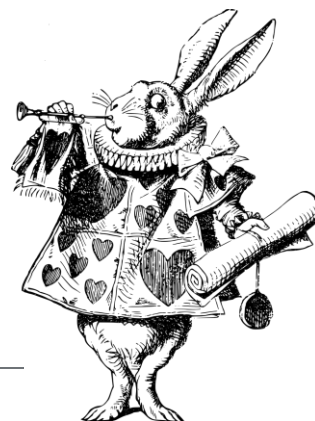


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NEWSLETTER FOR THE VILLAGES OF  
HEVENINGHAM, HUNTINGFIELD AND UBBESTON



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



## D-Day Commemoration Picnic

Huntingfield Parochial Church Council (PCC) invite you to join them on

**Sunday 9<sup>th</sup> June**

**11am – 2pm on the green by The Hub**



**1940's music for your entertainment.**

**Bring your own picnic.**

**Hot drinks, ice lollies and Spam Fritters will be available to buy.**

**SPECIAL GUESTS:** DashAstro, a local Astronomy Society, will be hosting a Solar Observing Session starting with a presentation at 11am promptly. There will be 'Solar

Scopes' available for everyone to have a look at the Sun, its hotspots and if we are really lucky, 'solar flares'. Suitable for all ages.



## Hub & Millennium Green AGMs

The Hub and Millennium Green Trustees are pleased to announce AGMs will take place in the Hub on the evening of Tuesday 4<sup>th</sup> June, starting at 7pm. The meetings will start with the Hub AGM; the Millennium Green AGM will follow at 8pm.

The Hub Trustees apologise for the postponement of these meetings due, in part, to the difficulties the few remaining Trustees are having to find the time for the many tasks needed to keep the Hub running. The Hub desperately needs new Trustees and volunteers to help with day to day tasks as well as fundraising to meet the ever increasing costs. We invite you to attend the AGM where there will be a glass of wine and nibbles. The Hub needs your help.

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## Bird Walk



It was rather a cold and damp day for the Bird Walk organised by Huntingfield PCC early on a Saturday morning and led by our local naturalist, Tony Howe. However, the brave souls who came along enjoyed a stroll from the Church through the Carnser and, with permission, were able to explore footpaths which are not open to the public on the Heveningham Estate.

Tony was most informative and helped us to pick out and identify a wide variety of bird songs and calls. I think we will all remember the call of the Chiffchaff that seemed to be in abundance that morning!

During the walk Tony also gave us advice on using technology to help identify our local bird species by picture or sound. His personal recommendation was an app called Merlin which is free to use. More info can be found here <https://merlin.allaboutbirds.org/>.

Helen Cannon

## Halesworth Dementia Carers' Fund



HDCF has been in existence now for 11 years and provides respite care for families where a loved one has dementia. Working closely with local care agencies the Fund enables highly trained specialist carers to go into homes where

someone has dementia, giving their loved ones some urgently needed respite time. Currently, the Fund serves the area covered by Cutlers Hill surgery, but is looking to possibly extend further out.

Of course, this takes huge amounts of money for us to operate so we are deeply grateful to all organisations, businesses and private individuals who support our continual fund-raising efforts.

In addition to the respite care we also offer regular sessions for dementia sufferers and their carers. These include Seated Movement to Music on Mondays, Memory Cafe on Tuesdays, Singing with Friends on Wednesdays, and Seated Tap Dancing and Carers' Support Group on Fridays. These are all free and full details can be obtained from the email below or our Facebook page. We also show a family film every other month at The Cut, the next one being in July.

For further information on the work of HDCF, and ways to help, please contact us at [info@halesworthdementia.co.uk](mailto:info@halesworthdementia.co.uk)



### SPECIAL EVENTS

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Many thanks to all subscribers.

#### March

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| 1st | Jane Moore     |
| 2nd | Val Wurschitz  |
| 3rd | Crozie Jenkins |

#### April

- |     |                   |
|-----|-------------------|
| 1st | Sue Tyler         |
| 2nd | David Burrows     |
| 3rd | Gloria Richardson |
- Sue Brewer

# David Cooper – 11.01.1940 – 25.04.24

David and I lived in Laundry Cottage from July 1988 until December 2013: we spent 25 years in that lovely cottage. We turned the Victorian Laundry into a holiday home and welcomed many folk there over the years. David and I were so happy in Laundry Cottage and we both fully enjoyed the social life of Huntingfield.



*Dave was presented with the trophy for winning the Huntingfield Petanque Club Competition in 2013*

For several years David managed the pool team at the Arms. I'm not sure how successful they were but I know

that many a pint was downed during their sessions. To live so close to a pub was magical for Dave! He also ran the Carpet Bowls in the old village hut which, with its wonky floor, made the games so much fun. On a couple of occasions Dave also played cricket. He was once a very good cricketer: as a young lad in 1951 he won a cricket bat for scoring 53 out and took 5 for 8!

Dave and I engaged fully in the social life of Huntingfield. We started the Huntingfield Christmas dinner – where we would cram as many folks as we

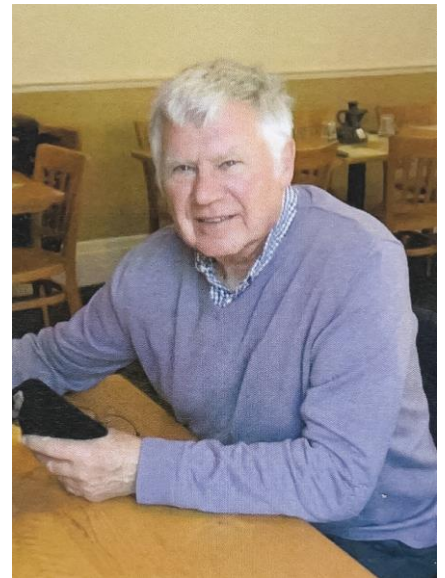
could into the dining room: it was always such a happy occasion. We'd meet friends in one another's homes for wonderful meals.

The annual Heveningham Hall Country Fair saw Dave over at the hall at 6 am to set up the car park while I was busy helping in the tea tent. Although Dave was never a church goer as such, he was always ready to help out at the many social events we put on at the church and we often ran the refreshment stall together at church events. The beer and wine were always a popular tippie!

I sang in the Huntingfield Church choir. We enjoyed practices at Joyce McDonald's pretty cottage (The Old School House). Dave didn't join this event but would always help out manning a stall and helping set up, especially if there was a pint involved!

As I pen this article I remember so much of the happy occasions Dave and I shared in Huntingfield and they will stay in my memory forever!

*Christine Cooper*



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## Sheep Talk

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It has been a very successful lambing, despite the poor start. The lambs have shown huge resilience to the cold, wet weather we have had this spring. Overall, I had 38 hyperthermic lambs, of which only two didn't pull round. They are warmed through by a spell under the heat lamp and an injection of glucose for added energy. Once on their feet again, they are put back



with mum and kept in the shed for 24 hours for observation. They are then marked with matching numbers and returned to the fields. I had several kind donations of small dog coats from people. They proved invaluable in

warming up several lambs this season.

Now the grass is growing away, the ewes are producing plenty of milk and the lambs are growing faster than mushrooms! Some of the first-born lambs have already been weaned by mum.



The lambs are now entering the mischievous stage and will be climbing through the roadside railing. After all, the grass is always much greener on the other side.... Most of the

time they return themselves but, if they are spotted, please feel free to let me know.

The ewes will be losing their woolly jumpers this weekend. Several of the ladies are getting stuck on their backs again, this time due to so much wool as opposed to being heavily pregnant. They will all be sporting new, sleek, short back & sides. This is also a massive help in managing flystrike for the ewes. Unfortunately, the warm, wet conditions are perfect for the flies to lay eggs onto damp fleece. If untreated the eggs hatch out and the maggots then start to feed off the sheep below the fleece. It's hard to spot but, thankfully, easy to treat.

On a plus point, the dogs are happy to be back in full work again. As the ewes are no longer pregnant, they can be moved and worked safely by the dogs. Also, the lambs learn from an early stage that the dogs are the boss and to do as they ask. Well, most of the time!

Lucy



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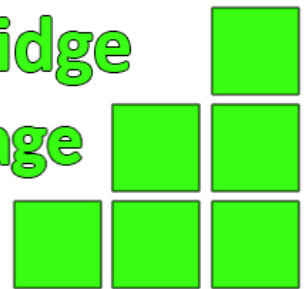
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## Huntingfield homes UPDATE

Thanks to those who responded to my queries regarding some odd addresses thrown up in the 1939 Register for Huntingfield. Eileen Heaps kindly sent me some cuttings from the British Newspaper Archive which helped towards solving at least a couple of the mystery properties.

Firstly, Granmere Bungalow and Bungalow Farm. In 1961 a report of a collision in Newmarket involved a van driven by Dennis Jack Minter of *The Bungalow, Cratfield Road*. John Waters also kindly informed me that there was a bungalow between Hillcrest Garage and what is now Clover Forge Farm which was demolished. In an old article from the Huntingfield Hare about Ross Russell of Clover Forge Farm, Ross describes buying and demolishing the bungalow which stood in the footprint where they built the new eco house. It looks likely that these are the two properties in the Register.

The two Firtree Cottages has been confirmed as the, now single, dwelling of Hawthorns at the junction of Linstead Road. Thanks to Mel, who recalls being told this by Dimmer, a lifetime resident of Huntingfield.

The most intriguing property, listed as Labelle Maison and the home of retired Estate carpenter Walter Ransby remains a mystery. However, Eileen provided a snippet from *The Halesworth Times and East Suffolk Advertiser*, Tuesday 11 June 1918 regarding W. F. Ransby Jnr: "*HUNTINGFIELD: The news of the sad and tragic death of Mr. W. F Ransby Junr., gardener at Haughley Park which occurred at Haughley on Tuesday May 28<sup>th</sup>, was received with deep regret by all who knew him in Huntingfield and adjoining parishes, where he had always been a great favourite and much respected, and where the deepest sympathy is felt for his family and their sorrowful bereavement. The deceased has been in failing health for some time past and was under medical treatment for Neurasthenia. He had for some time past been residing at Belle Villa, Elmswell, with Mrs Long and family, where he always received every kindness and attention.*"

This would be the son of Walter. Is it a strange coincidence that he lived at a house with a French influence, *Belle Villa*, or is there some odd connection? The Cratfield Road properties of Duncraggan and also Neaver Farm still remain a mystery too! If you have any further information please do get in touch.

*Helen Cannon*

## Off to pastures new?



Thanks go to Susie Peel who sent us this photo she snapped recently of a sheep waiting at the bus stop in Heveningham.

As Susie said, "I told her... *ewe might be waiting some time*". If you have any interesting or amusing pictures, please

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*The Hare Team*

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## The Millennium Green Inaugural Annual Plant Sale...



On Sunday 19<sup>th</sup> May the Huntingfield Millennium Green Trust held its first annual plant sale...and being "a first" it was something of a step in the dark. Months of plant cultivation and accumulation was followed by a fairly hectic few weeks leading up to the event itself. As the day arrived the sun thankfully shone and it became apparent that the Plant Sale was proving to be a hit with the gardening public.

The idea of the sale started well over a year ago when we agreed that we wanted to create a community event that people would enjoy being a part of and that we could develop to be recognised as a "must attend"

event for gardeners in the wider Halesworth area. In particular we wanted to provide a wide range of good quality, good value plants that had been cultivated locally by those in and around the village.

Over the last year a group of volunteers has been dividing and propagating perennials and shrubs as well as potting up seedlings and saplings from their gardens. From the start of the year this group has also sown seeds for annuals, vegetables and yet more perennials. This enabled us to build up a stock of 1,500 plants with around 100 different plant species.



As the Plant Sale date drew closer, we collected plant pots, potted up hundreds of plants, developed the plant

catalogue to help promote online marketing and prepared for the day itself, which mostly involved moving lots of plants, making sure they were arranged in order and kept watered!



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## A Blooming Success!

Entering the week ahead of the 19th eyes turned to the skies and whilst we had the odd washout the meteorological gods smiled on us for the weekend. This meant that we were able to put up the (new) village marquee and arrange all of the plant tables outside the Hub on the Saturday leaving the Hub itself to act as our plant holding pen overnight.



The day of the sale started with getting all of the plants in place... although as we soon came to realise there were also lots of "early birds" who arrived ahead of time to get their orders in (note

that we will endeavour to keep early arrivals at bay until the official start time next year!). As well as plenty of plant bargains, those attending were able to enjoy refreshments in the sunshine including delicious homemade cakes donated by yet more volunteers and of course there were bacon rolls! There was certainly a large influx of plant buyers from outside the village and

within 90 minutes around 80% of all of the plants had been sold and by 1pm we had to "shut up shop".

In terms of funds raised for the charity, the event was a great success. What was really pleasing was to hear the many positive comments of those coming to buy plants - not just relating to the event and the plants but also to the lovely village setting - we had hoped to make a bit of a splash in our first year and it certainly felt as though all of the work had been well worth it.

Many thanks to all of those who contributed to the event both in advance and on the day itself and special mention must go to the Huntingfield Garden Club members for their various plant contributions. We have already started to plan for next year's event which will be even bigger (in terms of number of plants).

Please keep on leaving any unwanted plant pots at the collection point in the Hub car park so that we can fill them for next time!

Once again, many thanks on behalf of the Huntingfield Millennium Green Trustees.  
*Dunstan Moore*



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# Nature Notes

Summer is certainly here and May is probably the best month of the year for bird song in the UK. Summer migrants such as Chiffchaff, Whitethroat and Blackcap have joined the local resident birds such as Song Thrush, Robin etc. to give us a fantastic dawn chorus.

I was lucky enough recently to hear a Nightingale and Cuckoo singing at the same time in woodland close to Heveningham Hall. It reminded me of the piece of organ music composed by Handel, The Cuckoo and Nightingale. In appearance the Nightingale is a fairly nondescript, small brown bird but its song is very different being amazingly loud, with varied trills and runs. It's one of the most tuneful UK bird songs and definitely in my top five of favourites.



The local Cuckoo will most likely be looking for another summer visitor, the Reed Warbler, into whose nests it lays its eggs. It still amazes me that the Reed Warbler pair don't notice that the huge fledgling might not be one of their own.

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Flowers are now in full bloom in local gardens, meadows and hedges. I recently noticed a patch of bee orchids (right) growing in a grassy paddock. The scent from Dog Rose and Hawthorn has also been noticeable. Insects such as bees and butterflies are feeding heavily on the nectar, and at night, unseen by



us in the cover of darkness, dozens of moths will also be visiting our garden flowers.

Several recent sightings of owls have been reported to me with a Short-eared Owl and Little Owl being seen at Alan Rush's farm along Heveningham Long Lane.



At a Huntingfield residence, Dunnetts Farm, two owl nest boxes are being used, with Barn Owls in one and Tawny Owls (left) in the other. Paul, the owner, has installed cameras to watch the

parents' visits. He kindly passed on some incredible footage of the Tawny male bringing in, amongst other prey (mainly rodents), at least three adult Magpies. I was not aware that Tawny Owls prey on Magpies and I am not sure if this has ever been recorded before. It just goes to show that whilst Magpies and other members of the crow family can themselves be voracious predators, they can themselves fall prey to other hunters, especially in the dark!

Tony Howe, 01986 785429

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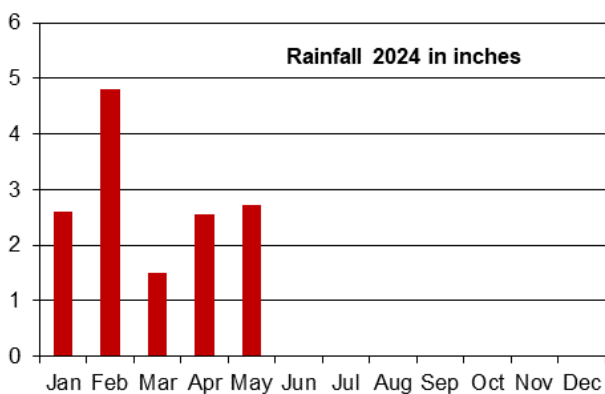
## Weather report: April-May 2024



Spring is nearly over (such as it has been), fairly frost free, damp, average temperatures and pretty cloudy most of the time, which is what I expected to happen given global warming. I have noticed over the last few years that sunshine totals in the main, with one or two exceptions, have decreased which is obviously caused by more cloud. Warmer seas cause more evaporation and hence more cloud (though recently there was a lack of cloud allowing the Aurora Borealis to be viewed from the village).

Whether we see more hot and dry summers as was originally predicted, well, that remains to be seen.

So what of the rainfall amounts? In April and May 2023 there were 2.83" (71.88mm) and 2.74" (69.60mm) respectively. In comparison, for the same two months this year I've recorded 2.55" (64.77mm) and 2.74" (69.60mm) to date so it is a little less than last year. However, there may be a few more showers before the end of May.



Cumulatively though, at this point we are .71" (18.03mm) ahead of the same time last year, so slightly up. In June last year, there was only .61" (15.5mm) of rain. Yes, really! So will we get less this year? Hmm who knows. We are, hopefully, now looking forward to a little warmer and drier weather for the next couple of months.

*Richard Tyler*

## Garden Club

Well, it's certainly been the weather to make the gardens grow... and, unfortunately, the weeds too so we gardeners have been beavering away trying to get on top of it all. In between, the Garden Club have managed a couple of visits.



Firstly, on a Friday afternoon in April we visited the beautiful gardens at Manor Farm. We had a pleasurable wander around the grounds along with an update on the new "project" involving one of the ponds. This was followed by general garden chat over tea and some scrumptious cakes... we'll definitely be back soon. Thanks Sally-Jane.

In May we met up at Woottens Spring Plant Fair. Although the fair wasn't as comprehensive as it had been in previous years, I think we all managed to make a purchase or two. No matter how packed your garden beds are, there always seems to be some space to squeeze in that "must have" plant.

Looking forward, we have an offer to host a summer party in one of our member's gardens, a further visit to two neighbouring gardens and a trip to the RHS Hyde Hall Fair has been suggested. We will be in touch with members via email shortly. If you would like to join the Garden Club it is open to all. Please email for details.

*Dunstan & Helen*

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## St Margaret's Church, Heveningham with Ubbeston



We have had a very productive month of May. Our last coffee morning was a success with many new faces popping by and neighbours meeting up for cake and chatter.



We have been taking on the mammoth task of the churchyard and Glebe area and have recently attended a course run

by the Suffolk Wildlife Trust to help provide ideas on how we can keep the graveyard wildlife friendly.

Whilst the churchyard does look a bit overgrown at the moment, we do have some lovely wildflowers that we are nurturing that help to feed the butterflies and bees.



We also have a beehive in the grounds, which now has its own colony. Hopefully we will have some church honey this year.

Inside the church, we are Summer-ready

with an assortment of books to read, plus ideas for your bbq and wine-making. We also have a good assortment of CD's for those summer sounds so why not pop in and have a look.

### Dates for your diary

9<sup>th</sup> June. Church Service, Choral Evensong, 6pm

22<sup>nd</sup> June. Coffee morning with bric-a-brac/picture sale. 10.30am

14<sup>th</sup> July. Church Service

20<sup>th</sup> July. Coffee Morning

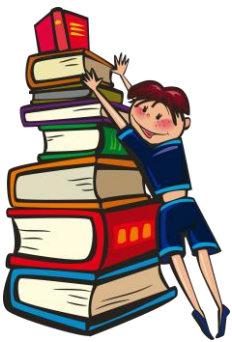
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## Petanque



We are now well into the summer season after a great start to the year. Having played 2 games, we have drawn 1 and won the other, 3-1. We also played in the Knockout cup against a team 2 divisions ahead of us. After two fantastic games we were in the lead

and, although we had chances in the next two games, it went to a decider. We had them rattled, so, of course, they put their strongest players together and won easily. However, losing 3-2 after 3 hours of play made for a great morning. An excellent performance from the team: it's always a great experience to take on a team from a higher division.

The triples have only played one game so far which they won convincingly. 2-0. More games are scheduled over the next few weeks, and with the warmer weather it is a lovely sport to be part of. Keep up the great work team, we're proud of you!

*Julie Collett, Captain, Huntingfield Hares*



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## Ten years ago in Huntingfield..

I was looking for some information from some years back and came across the June/July issue of The Hare from 2014. So, what was going on exactly 10 years back.... Well, the Country Fair was appealing for volunteers, the Parish Council was talking to Highways about traffic calming in the village following numerous complaints, the Garden Club were visiting each others gardens and lambing had finally finished! David Blackmore had also just been elected as Chair to the Parish Council. Does much change??

Actually, David replaced Sally Simpkin who had stepped down to concentrate her efforts on the big event for 2015 – the Magna Carta celebration weekend that would be taking place in the following June. And what an occasion that was!

The New Village Hall Committee announced that they had been successful with their Stage 2 bid to the Big Lottery Fund. The Stage 3 deadline was looming and, if successful, the funding would be in place and construction could commence in 2015.... which it obviously did.

And finally, I found a small article entitled "No more mud in the pub". Following a proposal by the



Parish Council, a small 'gang' volunteered to lay a new paved path across the Village Green from the steps by the road to the door of the Arms.

So, every time you tread that mud-free path to the pub you have Brian, Joe, Edward, David and Mel to thank, not forgetting Cliff, the guy with the barrow, who I suspect was probably at the bar when the team shot was taken!

*Helen Cannon*

## Arms Events

Shockingly, as I write, we are already in the last week of May, it's half term and the election antics are already getting on my nerves.

However, if like me, you "make an evening" of



the results we are providing grazing boards that will be available to collect on 4<sup>th</sup> July. Keep an eye out for details or sign up to our weekly email.

The shop continues going from strength to strength. Currently, mushrooms have hit our shelves! Mushroom curry pickle, mushroom chutney and an absolutely delicious mushroom antipasti - something a bit different, produced in Kendal and only in small batches.

Thankfully our first live music events were blessed with lovely warm and dry(!) conditions and were really well attended so thank you for supporting us.



We have three more coming up in June and July featuring folk rock band Murphy's Lore, duo Matt & John and the

popular skiffle group, Owl and Wolves. In July the music will be accompanied by The Flying Chef with their wonderful sizzling sausages. Dates are on the back page.



On Tuesday 16<sup>th</sup> July we have all day fish and chips for just £7. This is always a

very popular event so, as ever, booking is advised.

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## Country Fair: Tombola Prizes & Cakes



Many, many thanks to those of you who have generously donated Tombola Prizes for this year's Country Fair. It is still not too late to donate, just email me or leave a message and I will be along to collect. Each village aims to donate 100 prizes every year: in Huntingfield we are very close to achieving that

so thank you!

Volunteers are always needed: without you the Fair wouldn't happen. So, if you would like to help on one, or both, days and haven't got your name on a list yet, please contact me. Shifts are usually no more than a couple of hours and you then have the rest of the day to take in all the sights and sounds of the Fair.

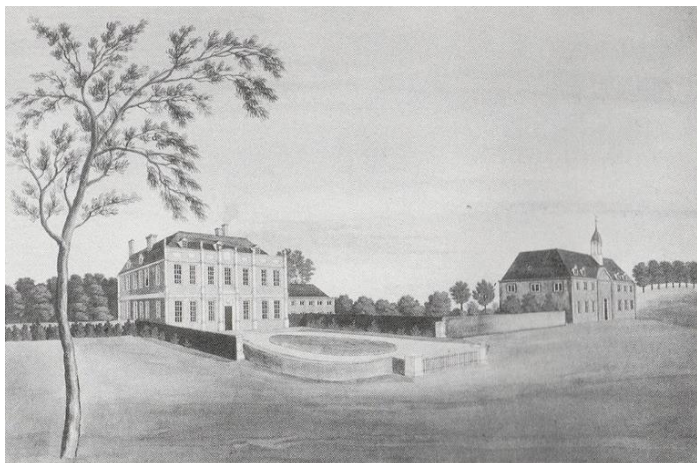
If you are able to donate a homemade cake for the tearoom or offer your services 'pouring' tea we would love you to join us on Saturday 29<sup>th</sup> June.

Cake donations can either be delivered to me at 'Giffords, Linstead Rd, Huntingfield' on Friday 28<sup>th</sup> June or give me a call and I will come and collect them.

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## History Corner: Ubbeston Hall - Gentry in our midst



*Photo courtesy of Martin Gregory Gallery, London*

The first recorded owner of the house now known as Ubbeston Hall was John Sone, circa 1593-1641, the son of George Sone of Wissett and the grandson of Richard Sone of Halesworth. John Sone married Mary, the eldest daughter of Wm. Dade of Tannington in 1635. The family of William Dade, 1579-1659 had owned Tannington Hall since 1588.

Sone bought an estate in Ubbeston, together with other property in Heveningham, Huntingfield and Laxfield from Samuel Cooke of St Andrew's, Ilkeshall, in 1637. (There was an estate called Cookes which spanned Ubbeston and Heveningham.)

On the 29 March 1641 the foundation stone of a new house in Ubbeston was laid for John Sone and his family. However, John died seven months later and he was buried on 25 October in Ubbeston Church at which time he had been still living in Laxfield. Building work may well have been suspended after his death, and we do not know when the house was ready to be occupied.

The new house begun by John Sone was known as Harefield House, its name apparently taken from the piece of ground on which it was built. It was evidently close to the 'ancient scite of the manor of Ubbeston'. Any manor house that may have stood there had probably gone by the early 17th century: the Heveninghams, who had been lords since the 15th century, lived elsewhere.

John Sone was never the lord of the manor of Ubbeston and his house was therefore not the manor house. The owners of Ubbeston Hall/Harefield House (John's daughter, Mary and her husband, Sir Robert Kemp) eventually bought the lordship of the manor of Ubbeston in 1668. At some time after this Harefield

House became known as Ubbeston Hall. The couple also acquired the Manor of Cratfield Roos.

John and Mary Sone had three daughters; Mary (born c.1637), Dorothy (1640) and Elizabeth (1641). In his will, in which he describes himself as John Sone of Laxfield, gent., he left all his property to Mary, who was four or five at the time and the only one of his children to grow up and marry.

In 1657, at the age of 19 or 20, Mary married Sir Robert Kemp, 2nd Bart., of Gissing in Norfolk and became his second wife. In their marriage settlement, drawn up in 1658, 'all that capital messuage called Harefield House in Ubbeston' and the rest of the late John Sone's estates were settled on the newly-married couple. Sir Robert Kemp is said to have 'removed from Gissing [to Ubbeston] and made Ubbeston Hall his seat', but we do not know when exactly this happened. The Hearth Tax returns of 1674 confirm that Sir Robert was living in Ubbeston and was taxed on a building with 15 hearths. Kemp had remodelled and extended Harefield House as shown in the gouache drawing on the left, by an unknown artist and probably dating from the 1770s, depicting the Hall and stables.



*The Hall as it is today*

The present Hall was a rebuild c1808. By this time the Kemps had sold the house and lands to Heveningham Hall. The stables became barns and then Ubbeston Hall Farm in the 1970s.


This article contains research on the Sone Family from Dr Joanna Martin's 2008 report, *The History of Ubbeston Hall* commissioned by Nick and Annie Reid, the present owners who kindly allowed access to this research.

*Lynne Ward*

*The Laxfield & District Museum is open 2-5pm every Saturday & Sunday & Bank Holiday. Additional opening from 9.30am-12.30pm on Community Market days.*

## Your Parish Council

### Ubbeston Parish Council



The Annual Parish Meeting and the Annual Meeting of the Parish Council took place on Tuesday 14<sup>th</sup> May 2024. County Councillor Stephen Burroughes and District Councillor Julia Ewart were in attendance. Cllr Ewart gave a short report on her first year as district councillor. Full annual reports can be viewed on the Parish Council website.

Cllr Carl Walker continues in the role of Chair to the Parish Council after being re-elected.

The end of year finance reports were presented to council and approved. The dates for Notice of Public Rights were proposed and set for Monday 3<sup>rd</sup> June to Friday 12<sup>th</sup> July 2024.

The new defibrillator has now been installed and is ready for use if needed. Location details are as follows: External wall, Laurel Farm, Clay Hill, Ubbeston, IP19 0EZ. Sincere thanks to East Suffolk Council for their grant to cover half of the cost and to Hook2Sisters for their support with this important community project.

The next meeting of the Parish Council is due to take place on Monday 8<sup>th</sup> July at 7pm in The Hub at Huntingfield. All residents are welcome to attend.

Angela Colbridge  
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### Heveningham Parish Council



The Annual Parish Meeting and the Annual Meeting of the Parish Council took place on Wednesday 15<sup>th</sup> May.

County Councillor, Stephen Burroughes and District Councillor, Julia Ewart were both in attendance and were able to provide support and guidance on some of the matters raised. Their annual reports are available to view on the Parish Council website.

Cllr Sam Fairs remains in the role of Chair to the Parish Council after being re-elected.

The end of year finance was presented to the council and dates for the Notice of Public Rights were approved and set for Monday 3<sup>rd</sup> June to Friday 12<sup>th</sup> July 2024.

A potential repeat of the winter flooding remains a common concern. A walk of the river course is planned to pinpoint areas that may need addressing to prevent issues of a similar severity in future winter months.

Works for Roundels and SLOW markings have been ordered as additional traffic calming measures in the village. Discussions continue regarding HGV's coming through the village, it is hoped that additional signage and mitigations will act as an increased deterrent.

The next meeting of the Parish Council is due to take place on Wednesday 17<sup>th</sup> July in The Hub at Huntingfield. All residents are welcome to attend.

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# What's on – dates for your diary

## June

4<sup>th</sup> Hub & Millennium Green AGMs, 7pm The Hub p 1  
9<sup>th</sup> Choral Evensong, St Margarets, p 11  
9<sup>th</sup> D-Day 80<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Celebrations, p 1  
9<sup>th</sup>, Murphy's Lore, The Arms, p 13  
11<sup>th</sup> Mobile Library, p 11  
22<sup>nd</sup> Coffee Morning & Bric-a-brac, St Margaret's, p 11  
22<sup>nd</sup> Brunch at the Hub, 10-11am  
29-30<sup>th</sup>, Heveningham Hall Country Fair, p 13  
30<sup>th</sup> Matt & Jon, The Arms, p 13

## July

8<sup>th</sup> Ubbeston PC, The Hub, 7pm  
9<sup>th</sup> Mobile Library, p 11  
10<sup>th</sup> Huntingfield PC, The Hub, 7pm  
14<sup>th</sup> Church Service, St Margarets, p 11  
16<sup>th</sup> Fish & Chips Special, The Arms, p 13  
17<sup>th</sup> Heveningham PC, The Hub, 7pm  
20<sup>th</sup> Coffee Morning, St Margarets, p 11  
27<sup>th</sup> Brunch at The Hub, 10-11am  
28<sup>th</sup> Owl & Wolves + The Flying Chef, The Arms, p 13

## Regular events at The Hub

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

## Upcoming Events

19<sup>th</sup> October, Magic & Comedy Evening, The Arms  
28<sup>th</sup> September, The Arms Shop on the Green  
16<sup>th</sup> November, Race Night, The Hub

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