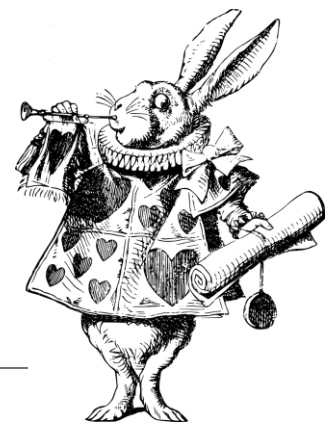


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*The Hare is always looking for ideas and articles. Whether this be something relevant to your village or locality, or just something in which you have an interest and would like to share with others, then please contact us. We would welcome your input.*



### Happy Christmas!

There are many festive treats to enjoy in our local area, details of which you can find in this issue and all dates on the back page. The Kids and Youth Clubs are partying (p.11) along with the Villagers at their Christmas Meal (p.16), you can shop at St Margaret's Christmas Craft Market (p.2), sing carols on the Green in Huntingfield (p.1) or in a candlelit church pp.10 & 12). Circle 67 will also be performing at The Hub (p 13)

*The Hare Team wish you all a very Happy Christmas and a peaceful New Year.*



### Carols on the Green

Join the folk of Huntingfield on the Village Green on Monday 23<sup>rd</sup> December at 6pm. Your favourite carols will be sung around the tree followed by free seasonal nibbles and mulled wine in The Hub afterwards. Also, bring along your local Christmas cards for the annual Christmas card "swap" – save on postage, shoe leather and time!



### Ollie's request..

Hi, I'm Ollie and I am a J.R.S.O, which stands for Junior Road Safety Officer and it is my duty to make sure children at Bramfield Primary School and children living in Huntingfield travel safely to and from school. In our village the Hub is used as a bus stop for children travelling to the school.

I am concerned about people driving too quickly through Huntingfield, especially past the Hub. It is now getting dark earlier and our roads have no pavements and not much lighting. This makes it unsafe for children and their parents travelling to and from the bus stop. There are a few things that we can do to help people to be safer travelling to and from the bus stop:

- If you are walking it's a good idea to bring a light source like a torch or wear reflective clothing. Watch closely for cars and traffic and try to travel in groups.
- If you are driving through the village please slow down and drive carefully. Look out for children and adults walking in the road. Make sure you put your headlights on earlier now that it gets dark early.

Thank you for helping to make our village a safer place, and thank you for reading.

*Ollie Yule, J.R.S.O, Bramfield Primary School*



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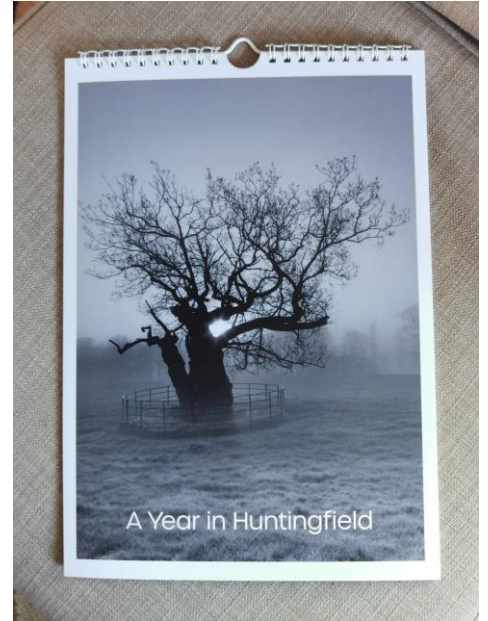
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## Local Calendars for Sale

This year I have produced a calendar featuring a collection of my local photography entitled "A Year in Huntingfield".

I have a small number still available so please contact me if you would like one. The cost is £12 with £2 from each going towards the print and production costs of The Hare so we can keep distributing it to you free of charge!



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## Farewell Mike & Tom



Our fond farewells go to Mike Stephens and Tommy McGee who are leaving the village after 10 years residency - which included getting married while they were living here.

They are heading to pastures new in Cambridgeshire but have promised us that they won't be strangers!

Mike has been a very familiar face behind the bar in The Arms and both have contributed in various ways to events in the

village and The Hub. They will be very much missed and we wish them well in their new home.

## Charity Musical Spectacular



On 7<sup>th</sup> December there will be a Musical Spectacular at Holton Village Hall in aid of Halesworth Dementia Carers Fund. There will be a bar and a Grand Raffle. Tickets cost £10 and will be on sale at the door, or in advance from Hetty's Little Copy Shop. For all enquiries, please contact John on 01986 835859

or at [woodjohn3556@gmail.com](mailto:woodjohn3556@gmail.com).

*Jeannette Redway*

## Message from our Local MP



As Christmas approaches and 2024 draws to a close, I want to take a moment to reflect on the incredible privilege of being elected to serve as your Member of Parliament. It's been a remarkable year, and I've been truly moved by the spirit of community across our constituency.

This time of year reminds us of the importance of looking out for one another, and I'm especially grateful to our local charities and army of local volunteers whose dedication brings hope and light to so many lives. Since I was elected, I've had the privilege of visiting so many charities and organisations supporting our communities— and I'm both appreciative and inspired by your work and service to provide support to those in need.

I'm deeply thankful for the trust you've placed in me, and I look forward to working hard for you and representing Suffolk Coastal in the year ahead.

Wishing you and your loved ones a Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year.

*Jenny Riddell-Carpenter MP.*

## Hundred Club



The 100 Club's aim is to raise £600 a year to help with the upkeep and maintenance of the Huntingfield

Millennium Green and Wild Flower Meadow. 100 people each pay £12 a year to enter the monthly draw of 3 numbers. First prize is £30, £15 second and £5 for third. Many thanks to all subscribers.

### September

- 1st Sonia Clarke-Watson
- 2nd Edward Watson
- 3rd Annie Tuffnell

### October

- 1st Jeremy Blackmore
- 2nd Billie Holmes
- 3rd Rosie Blackmore

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The summer season is well and truly over. We finished third in Division 3 and, once again were beaten by just 1 point which was the difference between 1<sup>st</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup> place. Next year... The final of our team knock-out cup was played on a beautiful Friday evening with new

member, Dunstan Moore, beating Steve Moorhouse with a score of 2-0. Well done to both for reaching the final!

We are now into the winter season with two teams entered. The Hares have played one game, winning 3-0. The new team, the Hounds, lost their first league game 2-1 and also lost the 1<sup>st</sup> round of the knockout cup 3-0. However, it is early stages and there are plenty more games to follow.

The AGM is scheduled for the 1<sup>st</sup> December at the Arms. Presentations will be made and pictures to follow in the next edition!

Happy Christmas to all the team and our followers.

*Julie Collett, Captain*



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# Arms Events



We've been really gearing up for the Festive Season and began to serve our Christmas fare in November! Added to the fun were a difficult few days without a telephone line and internet connection thanks to Storm Bert. However, once again our neighbours came to the rescue with an internet connection and use of equipment allowing us to open and operate nearly as normal.

By the time your read this we will already have held our Christmas "light up" evening with an outdoor shop, choir and much festive fun. We are expecting lots of new deliveries for the shop so do drop by and check out our extended range of goodies.

Don't forget to join in with Charity Quiz Night on 5<sup>th</sup> December. The quiz starts at 7pm. Teams of 4 max and entry of £2.50 per person.

We do have some limited spaces remaining for New Year's Eve dining so give us a call if you haven't yet made any arrangements.

To kick start 2025, during the period of 7<sup>th</sup>–31<sup>st</sup> January from Tuesday to Friday you can join us for "Catch 22". Fish and chips, plus a desert for two people for £22! As always, booking is recommended.



The ever-popular Burns Night Supper on 25<sup>th</sup> January will be hosted by us at The Hub. We have a few spaces remaining for a traditional 3-course supper at £25 per person so get in quickly if you want to join us. As ever, our local Scotsman, Ken will be dressed to the nines and addressing the Haggis!

We are also taking bookings for a Jazz evening on Saturday 1<sup>st</sup> March, featuring the wonderful jazz singer, Olivia Castle and pianist. This fabulous entertainment plus 2-course supper is £30.

*Seasons Greetings!*  
Sara & Steve



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## Race Night



Thank you to all who attended Race Night on 16<sup>th</sup> November in the Hub. It was a great night, enjoyed by all. Thanks to everyone who donated prizes and all those that helped on the evening. The grand sum of £332.50 was raised to help with the general upkeep of the Hub.

## David's Column



First of all, a big thank you to everyone who turned out to help with the village tidy up. I believe that at least 16 people were there on the Saturday and several others turned out during the week to complete various tasks.

A big discussion point at the recent Parish Council meeting was the continued development of Valley Farm and the holiday lodges on the adjacent land. A major frustration was the retrospective applications for the lodges which added 50% more beds to the development.

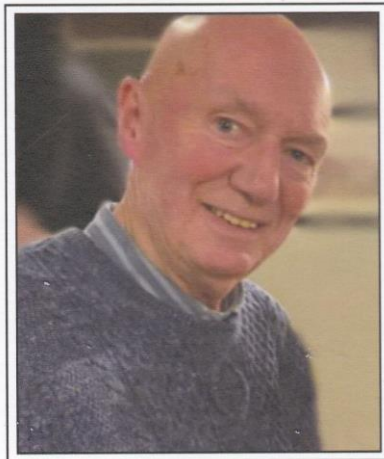
Also, a serious concern raised was the short-term use of Laundry Lane as an entrance for two of the properties and the long-term use of the Brick Kiln Lane entrance as an access point for the lodges and for Blyth Barn, which is currently being advertised as capable of hosting events for up to 200 people. There were no planning reasons for objecting to the retrospective application.

Another further concern raised was the state of the road and verge outside Malt Cottages. The verge has been pushed back from the edge of the road surface by about three feet. Which has led to large potholes, mud and debris on the road. There is now a risk that the verge can easily be pushed into the ditch, thereby blocking it and causing further flooding issues. The damage has been done by a combination of ever widening agricultural vehicles, HGVs and vans passing the cars parked outside the cottages. The road damage/potholes have been posted on the Suffolk Highways solution to the flood risk.

Since our last meeting there has been a new Premises Licence application for Blyth Barn (Valley Farm). It is for alcohol (on and off sales) 24 hours/day, live and recorded music (indoors) everyday 08.00 to 01.00 and late-night refreshment (indoors) everyday 23.00 to 05.00. There will be a Parish Council meeting to discuss our response to this application on Wednesday 4<sup>th</sup> December at 19.00 in The Hub. All welcome.

*David Blackmore*  
Chair, Huntingfield Parish Council

## Jeffrey W. Boocock: 4<sup>th</sup> Feb. 1942 – 20<sup>th</sup> Oct. 2024



On November 14<sup>th</sup> we sadly had to say goodbye to Jeff as he was laid to rest in the churchyard beside his much-loved wife, Karen. Although not a resident of Huntingfield Jeff had many friends within the village and he looked on

Huntingfield as his 'spiritual home'

The PCC will be ever grateful to Jeff for the hours he spent in and around the churchyard keeping it tidy and well maintained. Every week, even when he couldn't drive, he would be found there working and drinking coffee with his mates. Many problems would be put to rights sitting in the church porch with the others. Jeff, you will be missed, RIP.

*Sally Clarke*

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## Sheep Talk...



All the ladies have had the rams running with them for almost three weeks now. It will soon be time for the boys to have a thick, coloured raddle paste applied to their chest and front legs. In this way we can tell from a quick glance whether they ewes are going to lamb early or later during the lambing cycle. With a bit of luck, there shouldn't be too many bright blue bottoms!



This year the Mule ewes (a crossbreed good for vigor and hardiness) have some very attractive new Suffolk rams running with them. Their progeny should make extremely nice lambs, and eventually, some very good mothers themselves. I did notice today that there is a naughty ram who has escaped from

the Romney ladies and joined the Mules. As they say, the grass is always greener on the other side... I suppose in April we will find out whether his escape was worth his time and effort!

The grass is now growing more slowly and the sheep are starting to graze it off faster than it can recover. In a couple of weeks some of the store lambs we have at Heveningham will go away for their winter holidays, leaving more grazing for the ewes. Fingers crossed that the winter will be kind to us once again.

Unfortunately, due to the lush grass throughout the year, lameness continues to be a major issue with the flocks. This year has been the worst in all the time I've

worked here at Heveningham. With a bit of luck, the colder weather will put paid to a lot of the issues that are causing the problems.

We held our Macmillan charity sheepdog trial here at Heveningham on the 5<sup>th</sup> October. We had a lovely show of dogs and handlers over the day and several locals turned out to come and watch the action. The total amount raised on the day came to £946.43 (with the inclusion of Gift Aid). We also had lots of very generous donations of cakes, homemade jams etc. that were sold on the day. I'm already looking forward to the next season.



Our first Heveningham trial will be on the August Bank Holiday weekend. I always choose this date as it is close to what would have been David Hull's birthday. The highest pointed working

shepherd is presented the David Hull Memorial Crook. David was always a supporter of 'proper dogs' as he liked to call them.

*Lucy*



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# Nature Notes



We have recently moved a short distance to a thatched cottage close to Huntingfield Church. It's in a lovely setting, overlooked by a very tall Giant Redwood. This magnificent tree was planted around two hundred years

ago, probably by the vicar who then lived in the vicarage (Holland House). It's very likely that he also planted the huge Copper Beech that stands in our garden.

The Giant Redwood (*Sequoiadendrin giganteum*) is the largest species of tree on Earth. In its native California it can grow up to 90 metres. The sheer size means they can hold a lot of carbon, thus making them very environmentally beneficial. They have been imported to Britain since the early 19<sup>th</sup> century and now thrive here, with the tallest being around 50 metres. The UK trees are classed as young, as they can live for up to 2000 years in the Sierra Nevada region of California. The bark is very soft and rather like polystyrene to touch and the Treecreeper, a small British native bird, has been known to roost in small crevices in its insulating bark.



So, next time you walk past do have a look at the tallest tree in our parish. We also have a young version of this tree on the Millennium Green, planted in memory of Esther Munns who was a founder and long-standing

member of the Millennium Green Trustees.


From an incredibly large living organism to a very small one. David Blackmore recently told me that he found a tiny bird trapped in his garden shed. Before successfully releasing his diminutive visitor, he took a picture to confirm its identity. It was, as he suspected, a female Goldcrest.



Along with the Firecrest it is our smallest breeding British bird, weighing around 5 grams: a Wren weighs almost twice as much! They breed in local gardens, favouring

evergreens such as Yew. Their dome-shaped nests of moss and lichen can house up to 11 young in a single brood. The male has a surprisingly loud, very high-pitched song which can be heard from early spring. At this time of year our local non-migrant breeding birds are joined by thousands of migrating Goldcrests from Scandinavian countries who fly across the North Sea.

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Shortly after moving into our cottage, we noticed a constant sound of bees coming from the fireplace in one of the bedrooms. Looking up at the chimney on the next warm day we could see hundreds of bees going in and out of an air brick on the chimney's side. We initially thought that this was a swarm which, hopefully, would soon depart. But, after asking previous residents of the house, we discovered that the bees had been there for quite a few years!

Thankfully we found a fantastically helpful local beekeeper, Sam, from Kessingland who runs a business specialising in the safe and live removal of bee nests.



He arranged for scaffolding to be erected and, dressed in his bee suit, he removed quite a lot of bricks and then tackled the nest. Sam estimated that there were still around 50,000 bees in the nest.

The queen was carefully transferred to a travelling hive and then left near the chimney while Sam came down to catch his breath. He had been stung on both wrists and was absolutely covered in bees - many of them had flown off by the time I took the photo.

Within a few hours the majority of the workers had entered this special hive, searching out their missing queen. The bees were taken to where he has many other hives stationed (around 200!), all coming from removals.



Sam then set about removing the wax comb from our chimney, which still held a lot of honey. He thought there was a combined weight of around 100kg of wax and honey! A builder came a few days later to repair the

brickwork and seal the air brick with a special gauze. So, the bees will not return next summer although we still have residual honey running down the wall of the fireplace.

*Tony Howe*

## Advertising in The Hare



Since moving up to 16 pages The Hare is looking for some new advertisers in order to keep our costs down and to allow us to distribute the newsletter free of charge to residents of the three villages. The cost for a full year (6 issues) is very reasonable:

Eighth page	£35	Quarter page	£60
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The current distribution includes 200 hard copies delivered to all residents of Heveningham, Huntingfield and Ubbeston, email distribution to a request list and online distribution to social media and village websites.

If you are interested in advertising to the local community, please email us at [huntingfieldhare@gmail.com](mailto:huntingfieldhare@gmail.com).

## Three Villages Christmas Meal



The Christmas Meal for our villages on Sunday 8<sup>th</sup> December is now fully booked. The meal will be served at 7pm and the bar will be open from 6.30pm. We look forward to seeing you!

*The Hub Trustees*

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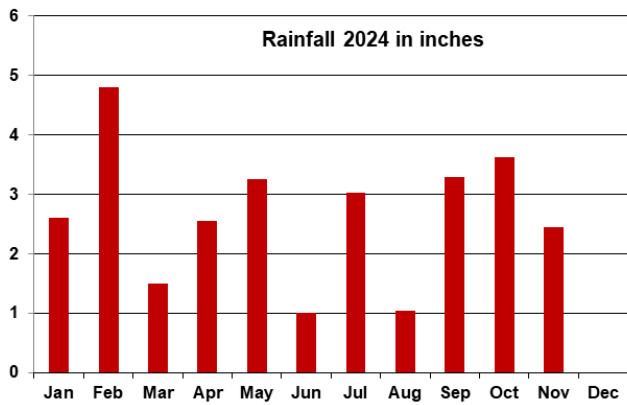
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## Weather report: Oct-Nov 2024



	2023	2024	Diff Inches	Diff mm
Oct	7.64	3.62	-4.02	-101.98
Nov	3.92	2.45	-1.47	-37.29
<b>Totals</b>	<b>11.56</b>	<b>0.00</b>	<b>-5.48</b>	<b>-139.27</b>

Compared with October/November 2023, rainfall totals this year have been unspectacular for the corresponding two months. Last year saw 11.56" (294mm) but there was only 6.07" (154mm) this year – which equates to 5.48" (139mm) less. Despite this, we are above the average annual rainfall already. This year, in Huntingfield we have had 29.12" (740mm) already so 2024 is by no means a dry year, although, compared with the areas battered by storms Bert & Conall we are dry!

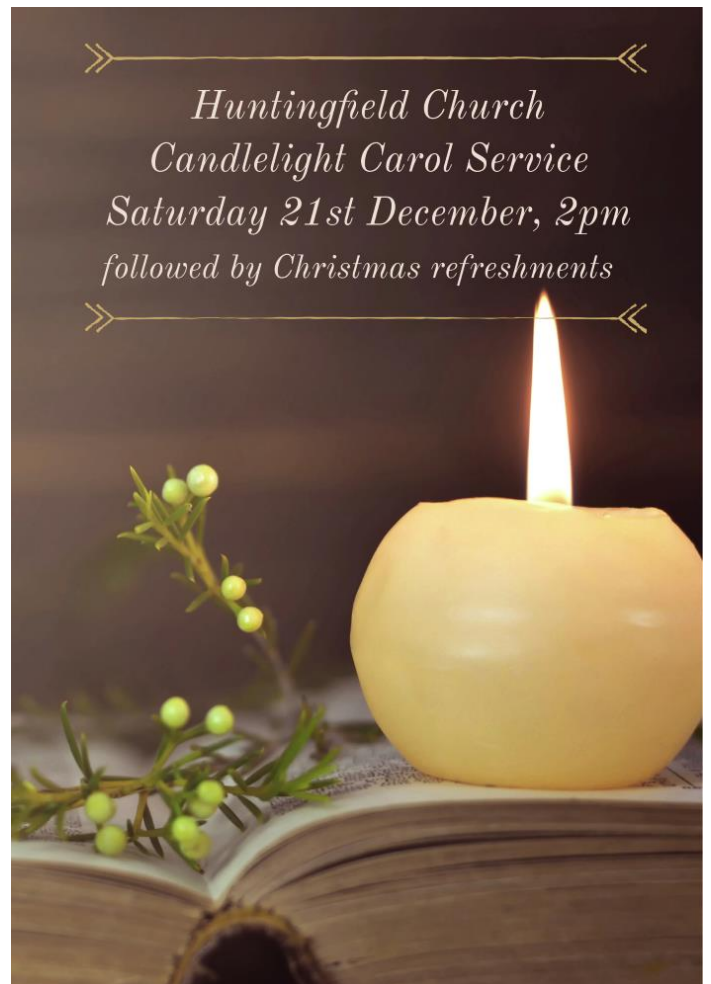
Disappointingly, the amount of cloud cover during the last two months is following the trend of less sunshine. My reasoning as to why I have said previously. I don't see this changing markedly for a while. The weather this November has been more typical, with wind, frosts and sometimes remarkably mild and wet.



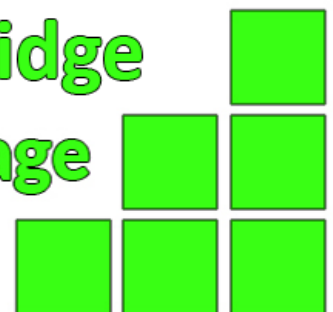
I hope you enjoyed seeing the Aurora Borealis given that we were blessed with a few cloud-free evenings. It was a first for me and for many others.

Greetings for Christmas and the New Year

*Richard Tyler*



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## Jackie & Roger Driver move on...



Jackie and Roger have been a familiar site as they exercised their

carriage pony around the local lanes. So, it was with sadness that we bid farewell to them a few weeks ago, although they will remain relatively close in a new home at Grundisburgh. Jackie has been an especially active village resident and has always been willing to help at numerous events... most often seen behind the coffee and teapots at The Hub! We wish them well in their new home and look forward to seeing them in the near future.

### From the PCC



Last month the Parochial Church Council wished Jackie and Roger Driver 'Best Wishes' as they moved to pastures new. Jackie has participated in the life of Huntingfield Church since moving to the village several years ago. She was a valued member of the PCC, always acting as the 'voice of reason' and enjoyed helping out at regular church events. Every week Jackie would clean the church making sure it was always at its best to welcome the numerous visitors

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*Sally Clarke*

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## 3 Villages Youth Project

The Kids Club Christmas party will take place on Friday 6<sup>th</sup> December at the usual time and the Youth Club Xmas session will be on the following Friday, 13<sup>th</sup> December. Following the Christmas break we will be back with Kids Club on 10<sup>th</sup> January and Youth Club the following week, 17<sup>th</sup> January. All dates can be found on the back page.

**The 3VYP team would like to wish all our families a very Merry Christmas.**

## Mobile Library

Some mobile library routes have been changed recently and sadly the van will no longer be calling at Heveningham.

It will still stop at Huntingfield Hub with a slight time change to 15.00-15.20. There will not be a visit in December - the next date is 21<sup>st</sup> January. Details can also be found online at:

<https://www.suffolklibraries.co.uk/mobile-library-route/leiston-mobile-library-route-13>

## St Margaret's Church, Heveningham with Ubbeston

With December just around the corner, we are really gearing up for the busiest time of the year. Whether the thought of Christmas makes you excited and your decorations are already up or you worry about how much time you have to get everything done (I'm in this category), I think it's fair to remember that some of the best gifts we can give are free. Our time, love and compassion don't cost anything but make a real difference to those around us.

During my time as a Church Warden, I have found just how compassionate people can be within the church. Whatever church you may go to, there is always a warm welcome and support for those who may be alone or just need a bit extra at this time of year.

Going back to the festivities, we are holding a Craft Market on 7<sup>th</sup> December, with local producers bringing handmade gifts, cards and decorations. We will also have the pocket money Christmas table, a tombola and refreshments, including Hot Chocolate with all the usual toppings. Come along with the family and see what unique gifts you can get, whilst enjoying a nice warm drink and the chance to catch up with friends and neighbours.

We have two services in December: Carols by Candlelight and Midnight Mass, with refreshments of mulled wine and mince pies.



### Dates for your diary

**7<sup>th</sup> December**, 10.30am. Christmas Craft Market

**8<sup>th</sup> December**, 4pm. Candlelight Carol Service. Please bring a candle with you

**24<sup>th</sup> December**, 11.30pm. Midnight Mass

Looking towards the new year, our coffee mornings will resume in March, but we will be having a couple of informal meetings in January to discuss forthcoming events. If you would like to be involved in these, please do get in touch.

Thank you to everyone who has supported us this past year, the response to our coffee mornings has been amazing and we hope to improve on this next year and offer some more exciting events. Our church remains open daily, from 9.30 am until dusk in the winter months.

Wishing you all a joyful Christmas and New Year.  
*Jeanette, Churchwarden*

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## Church Chat



### Huntingfield Parochial Church Council (PCC)

With Jackie Driver leaving we now have a vacancy on the PCC. Perhaps this is something you might like to get involved in? You don't have to be a church member but believe that having a vicar or two and a church building to hold services in is 'god' enough.

Some of the tasks of a PCC include:

- To have a voice in the affairs of the parish
- To see that the church building and its contents are cared for and insured
- To look after the churchyard
- To support the minister in doing his/her job
- To decide with the minister how money collected in the church is spent

The PCC meets four times each year.

The next meeting is January 15<sup>th</sup> at 7.30pm at Emma Ward's home, Newall Hall. If it is something that you are considering please feel free to come along, listen and enjoy the refreshments before making a decision.

### RABI; Royal Agricultural Benevolent Institution



Every quarter the PCC donates a percentage of their income to charity. Recently we have donated

to Halesworth Community Larder, Huntingfield Kids Club, East Anglian Air Ambulance and Kegara African Healthcare appeal - providing funds to help buy an operating table for their local hospital.

This quarter the church is donating to RABI; the charity at the heart of farming providing expert mental health and wellbeing support, as well as financial, emotional and practical help. For more information visit

[www.rabi.org.uk](http://www.rabi.org.uk).

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## Your Parish Council

### Ubbeston Parish Council



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Apologies were received from District and County Councillors,

full reports can be viewed on the website. East Suffolk Council are currently running a Community Safety Survey (see p 4). This can be accessed via the East Suffolk Council website.

A number of Planning Applications have been considered since the last meeting. Residents can view all planning applications on the East Suffolk Council website under the Planning section.

The Council have previously been asked to consider supporting The Hub in Huntingfield financially. Councillors have now agreed to make a one-off donation of £200 to support what is a fantastic amenity for the local communities.

A thermal imaging project, 'Keep the Heat', is being run in the new year offering local residents the opportunity to have a heat-loss survey carried out on their properties. Please contact the Clerk by 31<sup>st</sup> December to find out more and to express interest in your property being included in this survey.

The PC are beginning to look into the possibility of setting up an Emergency Planning Group to create and oversee an Emergency Plan for the village. Residents can find some useful information on the 'Suffolk Prepared' website on what to do in an emergency.

The Ubbeston Parish Council website is regularly updated so please do look out for the latest information at: [www.ubbeston.onesuffolk.net](http://www.ubbeston.onesuffolk.net).

The next meeting of the Parish Council will take place on Monday 13<sup>th</sup> January 2025 at 7pm in The Hub. Items on the agenda for the meeting include the budget and precept for 2025/2026, online banking and a gov.uk domain. All residents are welcome to attend. Ubbeston Parish Councillors would like to take this opportunity to wish you all a very happy and peaceful Christmas.

Angela Colbridge [ubbestonclerk@gmail.com](mailto:ubbestonclerk@gmail.com)

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### Heveningham Parish Council



The most recent meeting of the Parish Council took place on Monday 20<sup>th</sup> November. Draft minutes from the

meeting can be viewed on the Parish Council website.

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The PC would like to thank Suffolk County Council and Cllr Stephen Burroughes for their support for the Children's Play area, providing a grant to cover the additional insurance costs for this village amenity. Funding has also been received from The National Lottery for an additional piece of play equipment for Bell Meadow, specifically for older children. The installation of a Petanque Court has been suggested. If you live in the area and have older children, please contact the Clerk with your views on this.

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A Community flood plan has recently been prepared for the village: a big thank you to all who have been involved. The PC are now starting to look at setting up an Emergency Planning Group to create and oversee an Emergency Plan for the village. Residents can also find some useful information on the 'Suffolk Prepared' website on what to do in an emergency.

The next meeting of the Parish Council is due to take place on Wednesday 15<sup>th</sup> January 2025 at 7pm in The Hub. Heveningham Parish Councillors would like to take this opportunity to wish you all a very happy and peaceful Christmas.

Angela Colbridge [heveninghamclerk@gmail.com](mailto:heveninghamclerk@gmail.com)

## History Corner: Re-opening of Ubbeston Church

*Ipswich Journal, Saturday 22<sup>nd</sup> July 1865*

The paper describes Ubbeston in less than flattering terms and praises the clergy for their heroic efforts in refurbishing the church:



Ubbeston is a small parish containing a population of rather more than 200 souls and an area of 1,200 acres. These are figures which indicate a village of the humbler pretensions, and when, in auctioneering parlance, we say that it is situated about seven miles from the nearest Railway Station, we have done enough to show that it is, to use the least disparaging word at our command, a very retired as well as a very insignificant place; and if it be necessary to find one more instance to show how anxiously the clergy of the Church of England are endeavouring to do the work that lies before them in rural districts, we could say that we have it before us in fact that the Incumbent [the Rev. James whose son wrote in a letter that Ubbeston was 'a dull

place'] and the Patron of the Living, also a clergyman [The Rev. E Holland, husband to Mildred who painted the ceiling in Huntingfield Church], have by such means as are known only to those who have achieved a similar work under similar difficulties, managed during the last few months to refit the ancient parish Church so as to provide ample and comfortable accommodation for the parishioners, and to preserve a homely but faithful specimen of an ancient parish Church for a few generations longer.

*However, the Ipswich Journal sings the praises of the local topography:*

Ubbeston is a parish of great antiquity... Lying as it does adjacent to Laxfield and Badingham, and abutting in another direction upon Heveningham and Sibton, those who are conversant with the topography of the county will see that it is very happily placed, bordering in the one instance the fertile woodland district of the county and in the other the beautiful tract which has been aptly termed 'the garden of Suffolk'. The scenery of the neighbourhood is equal to any that Suffolk, or indeed many other English counties can show. The drive to Ubbeston from Darsham and Yoxford is through a succession of park-like scenery quite equal to scenery of the best points on the River Orwell. The land in this neighbourhood breaks into bold undulations, and, as the soil produces admirable timber, these are clothed with woods, some of which are of considerable extent...

*Lynne Ward*

*Laxfield & District Museum is now closed for the Winter and reopens on Good Friday 2025*



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**Tel: 07821 055404**



# What's on – dates for your diary

## December

4<sup>th</sup> Huntingfield PC Meeting regarding Licence Application, p 6  
5<sup>th</sup> Charity Quiz Night, The Arms, p 5  
6<sup>th</sup> Kids Club Christmas Party, 4-5.30pm  
7<sup>th</sup> Coffee Morning and Craft Fair, St Margarets, p 2  
7<sup>th</sup> Musical Spectacular in aid of Halesworth Dementia Carers, p 7  
8<sup>th</sup> Village Christmas Meal, p 9  
13<sup>th</sup> Youth Club Christmas Party, 7-8.30pm  
18<sup>th</sup> Circle 67, Flint Street Nativity, The Hub p 13  
21<sup>st</sup> Candlelight Carol Service, St Mary's, 2pm p 10  
23<sup>rd</sup> Carols on the Green, Huntingfield, p 1

## January

9<sup>th</sup> Charity Quiz Night, The Arms, p 5  
13<sup>th</sup> Ubbeston PC, The Hub, 7pm  
8<sup>th</sup> Huntingfield PC, The Hub, 7pm  
15<sup>th</sup> Heveningham PC, The Hub, 7pm  
21<sup>st</sup> Mobile Library, p 11  
25<sup>th</sup> Burns Night Supper, p 5

## Regular events at The Hub

Kids Club Every second Friday, 10<sup>th</sup> & 24<sup>th</sup> January, The Hub, 4-5.30pm  
Youth Club Every other Friday, 17<sup>th</sup> & 31<sup>st</sup> January, The Hub, 7-8.30pm  
Orchid Fitness Pilates Thursday a.m. (see advert on p 11)  
Pilates Body Harmony Monday 6-7pm & Friday 6-6.45pm, The Hub (see advert on p 8)  
Yoga Tuesday, 6.30-7.30pm, £7 per class. (Contact Hayley 07776 184943)  
Tai Chi Monday, 2-3pm (contact Cindy Engel, [cindywildhealth@gmail.com](mailto:cindywildhealth@gmail.com))  
Zumba Every Thursday, 11am-noon, £7 per PAYG session (see advert on page 12)  
Relaxation Class with SarahLou Third Monday of the month, £15 pay as you go. £50 for the 4 sessions

## Upcoming Events

1<sup>st</sup> March, Jazz Supper, p 5  
15<sup>th</sup> February, Book Bonanza & Table Top Sale, p 12  
25<sup>th</sup> May, Annual Plant Sale  
19<sup>th</sup> July, Millennium Green 25<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Celebration

## Parish Councils \*

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### Ubbeston

Chair: Cllr. Carl Walker  
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## Parochial Church Council

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