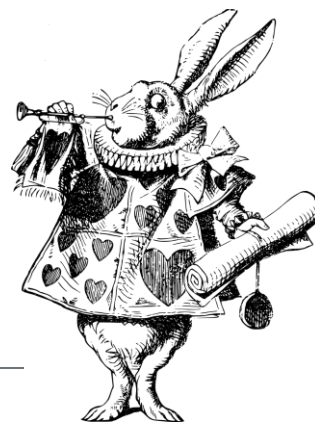


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The Hare is always looking for ideas and articles. Whether this be something relevant to your village or locality, or just something in which you have an interest and would like to share with others, then please contact us. We would welcome your input.

It's almost here... HUBFEST

23rd August, Huntingfield Millennium Green



HUBFEST is the name we have given to our first ever Music Festival due to take place in Huntingfield on the Millennium Green at the end of August. It's been given this name as all the proceeds will go towards the upkeep of The Hub. The Hub is an important resource for the three villages of Huntingfield, Ubbeston and Heveningham.

The Festival will take place on the 23rd August, starting at 2.00pm and due to finish at 10pm. We have an exciting line up of

some of the best of Suffolk and Norfolk's musical talent.

We will be opening the show with acoustic duo Matt and Jon, followed by Differential, a talented singer songwriter who is able to join us from his busy schedule touring around the country. The Halesworth Ukulele band will be following with their eclectic mix of sea shanties, rock and country songs. The Back Woods Band then follow on with a mix of blues and folk. In the early evening a set from the ever popular Blyth River Blues Band,



described as 'Suffolks finest', will see a mix of thumping and rocking classic blues songs. Black Deek will finally headline the festival, with a set of foot

stomping Americana and Irish soulful blues, folk and country ballads, guaranteed to give you an evening of unforgettable melodies.

There will be a bar with some of the finest real ales and a variety of stalls. We will also have various food stalls including pizza, cajun street food and a barbecue. Tickets for the event can be purchased on the gate for £10.00 or in advance from the Huntingfield Arms for £8.00. The discounted advance offer is for the first 100 tickets sold.



Follye Fayres

With all the talk of Hubfest being Huntingfield's "first" music festival I recalled talk of previous events that took place on Lenny's Hill (just off the B1117 outside the village) back in the 1980's. I asked around and eventually was put in touch with a few of the individuals who were responsible for the Follye Fayres that took place in 1980-1982 and who still live locally.

The idea was spawned from an historical education programme held at Heveningham Hall, devised by Patrick Redsell, founder of The Seagull Theatre in Lowestoft. School children would visit the Hall and join in with re-enactments of life and work in Georgian times. At the time the old village hall, affectionately known as 'The Hut', was in need of funds so the idea of holding a fundraiser with a Georgian theme was seeded. 35 years on and we are hosting another fundraiser with the same aim... how history repeats itself!

A number of very talented and artistic local individuals contributed to what I can only describe as a run of fabulous events, as evidenced by the details on the posters and some of the stories recounted. One can only assume that, back in the day, Health and Safety wasn't such an issue? Rob Harries, who lived in Huntingfield at the time, produced giant inflatables for a variety of events, bands and organisations including the floating pigs for Pink Floyd. He provided a giant globe which was, apparently, 'just let go' from the top of the hill. There were fire-eaters, a wide variety of performance artists and even a gallows to stage mock hangings!



David Pratt, Allan Pike and Anne Martin were all involved and recounted some great stories when I met with them. They described the event as being "random performances and acts" which were "unexpected and exciting". Definitely a reflection of the early 80's vibe!

One memorable performance was Sharon Glennie's space ballet.. "Visitors from Another Time", a group of dancers who emerged from a large blue spaceship.



Another popular dance attraction was The Can Can girls who went on to perform at Glastonbury and on TV. Bruce Lacey, reknowned eccentric performer and artist of the time was also involved along with Palfi the Clown and Scratch Theatre.

One great story was that of a local motorcycle club from Harleston who turned up the night before and purloined the barrels of beer from the tent. Of course, certain individuals involved with the Fayre took the matter into their own hands, decided to 'nick it back' and "saved the Fayre". Where would they be without the beer?



There were also fireworks of the "daytime" variety, which apparently were not particularly spectacular - just very, very loud!

Great Novelties! Stunning Attractions!

The villagers of Huntingfield, Heveningham and Ubbeston beg leave to inform their friends and the public and all coves and fair damsels what like a spree, that we intend on -

SATURDAY, JULY 5TH, 1980

to give the neighbourhood a GRAND TREAT when -

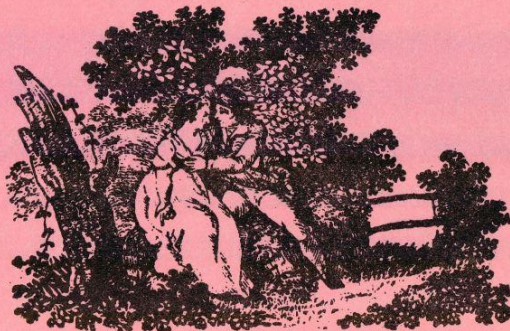
"all may laugh who never laughed before,
and those who have laughed then laugh the more."

FOLLYE FAYRE

a Rural Romp in the Georgian manner, at

LENNY'S HILL, by HEVENINGHAM HALL, Halesworth

where several COMMODIOUS BOOTHS will be erected for the occasion



The following be a list of the amusements; and we hope that by supplying our visitors with first-rate luscious out and out go-down and the very best baoca to merit their approbation and sack their tin.

From the noonday CRAFTSMEN AND TRADERS will display their wares, ply their trades and demonstrate their skills.

Come 2.30 of the clock, Mr. Dusty Smith will propitiate the canine with his LURCHER RACES - a clear course and no favours being the order of the day

Professor Caligari shall exhibit his own person on the TIGHT ROPE.

IGOR the GIANT, matrimonial disharmony by Mister PUNCH and Madame JUDY, and Theatricals by JUG END are but a minute part of the days outstanding exhibitions.

SPORTS and GAMES will include TUGS OF WAR and a RACE for a SMOCK by young girls which every 'Jolly Buck' would do well to witness. Children will delight in the latest Up-to-date Novelties.

FINE ALES will be purveyed by the Huntingfield Arms and Cratfield's Poacher hostelry. And tempering all this, the sweet sonorities of LEISTON'S BRITISH LEGION BAND while patrons' delectation is attended to by CREAM TEAS and FAT STRAWBERRIES in the Pavilion.

Mr. Nicholson and friends will essay a landing by that newly conceived 'Argosy of the Heavens'-THE HOT AIR BALLOON and the Grand Draw for a PRIME SUFFOLK LAMB and other comestibles will be held at 5.30 of the clock. PIE STALLS, MAYPOLE DANCING, SINGERS, POETS AND BOLD THESPIANS will be at hand--'Full of verse, or worse,' together with TRAPS, HORSES and WAGONS.

And at Eventide THE SUFFOLK YOUTH ORCHESTRA will make thundrous harmonies with Mr. Tohaikovsky's 1812 composition accompanied by A MASSIVE CANNONADE OF FIREWORKS and diverse scintillating PYROTECHNICS!! N.B.—This is most spectacular and heralds A DANCE until midnight in the modern manner.

ADMISSION 100 PENCE ADULTS - CHILDREN UNDER 14 FREE Half price admission for patrons in PERIOD DRESS

Note. Space does not permit including the full bill. But patrons are assured of even greater wonders on this day of days.

All persons desirous of trade at the Fayre please inform the Secretary, Derek Allen, The Dell, Heveningham, Halesworth, Suffolk. Tel. Ubbeston 294

As ever, refreshments were provided by the local ladies who ran the Pavillion tea tent and were also responsible for miles of bunting and other decorations. Some things definitely don't change...

The profit from the first Follye Fayre in 1980 came in at £1,260 which, in today's money, equates to around £6,800. Let's hope that Hubfest is equally as successful and enjoyable!

Following on from my research into these events I was provided with various posters and information on events that took place in the village, mainly in The Hut. We will display some of these in The Hub during Hubfest for your perusal. They are very entertaining. Perhaps they could see some more events??

Thank you to all those who provided photos and and gave their time to share memories.

Helen Cannon



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Arms Events

By the time you read this we will have returned from our summer holiday and will definitely be back to the grindstone once again! Normal service will be resumed from Tuesday 5th August. Thank you for bearing with our limited hours and service whilst we took a break. Now to plan next year's excursion...

Looking forward, our Comedy and Dinner Night on 11th October is currently fully booked but names are being listed for cancellations. It comprises 3 comedy acts: Nigel 'Boy' Syer, Pam Ford and Nelson T Gombakomba Jr. accompanied by a 2-course dinner.

We still have a few places for a sophisticated theatrical Christmas performance by Minty Spectre along with a 3-course dinner on Saturday 6th December. Tickets are £55 per person.

The last of the summer months sees not only Hubfest, but two Sundays with music on the Green from 4pm. Please come along and enjoy some live entertainment in the sunshine.

Summer Music on the Green

17th August - Grace Brothers

23rd August, Hubfest

31st August, Table 9

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May

1st Carla Kruger
2nd William Martin
3rd Emma Ward

June

1st Ivan Clarke
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3rd Simon Orchard-Lyle

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Saturday 23rd August

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Petanque

In the last report we had started our season well, with two 3 – 1 wins! Sadly, it seems to have gone a bit downhill since then. We have lost the last three games 4 – 0. There have been some good games against much stronger sides and also lessons to be learned. We can match some of them on 'pointing' but the 'shooting' from other teams has been amazing. This is what our team needs to learn from. However, not all lost as we have a further three games left to play in August. It would be good to, at least, see a draw out of these.

The team knock-out has begun with a different format this year. We are playing a Round Robin, with everyone playing everyone! The top 4 on points will play in the semi finals and then the final will determine this year's club winner. In September I have been asked to play in a regional competition. Having had to register with Petanque England I am now planning my weekend away with Suffolk Petanque in Weston Super Mare. I will update you all in the next edition.

Have a great summer.

Julie Collett, Captain



All proceeds from our events go to charity
Heveningham Hall Country Fair Trust
Registered charity number 1085403

Country Fair 2025

A big thank you to all of you from the three villages that volunteered to help out at the Country Fair this year. Without your help the Fair would not be able to function so your assistance is very much appreciated. Once again you helped to raise funds for many good causes and made the Fair, yet again, a great success.

Julie Collett

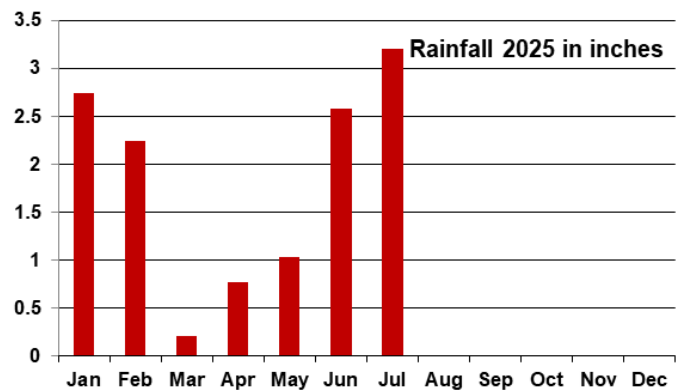
Weather report: June – July 2025

We reach the end of another two months wherein there are a few things of consequence to note. We have seen a number of hosepipe bans across the UK but at the moment none in the bulk of East Anglia. So what's been happening? Well not a lot of rain, that is until about a week ago when the heavens opened and topped up a few water butts. There has been some lovely sun and heat over the last two months and the crops, lawns and gardens were beginning to look rather parched (one farmer commented to me that we needed this rain two months ago!)

So, why the drought after all the rain of the past few days? Now for some figures for you to digest. This year to date there has been 243mm of rain compared with 399mm last year, a difference of 6.12" (155mm). However, that's not the whole story. Here's something new for you, it's called E.T. – no, not something from another planet, but evaporation and transpiration (evapotranspiration is the sum of all processes by which water moves from the land surface to the atmosphere via evaporation and transpiration from leaves). So how does this fit in? There has been 312mm rain here but the evaporation and transpiration amount for the same period was 458mm, a difference of 145mm (5.74"). Now add that 155mm

deficit from last year and we arrive at a deficit of 11.86" (301mm). Wow! However, don't forget that as we progress through the remainder of this year, the E.T rate will decline and if(?) we have biblical rainfall, the deficit will even out.

Finally, June and July 2025 were actually wetter than the same months last year. with 6.08" (154.4mm) falling compared with 4.02" (102.1mm) last year. As always, rainfall amounts, particularly from thundery showers, vary widely. Our weather is being driven by a meandering jet stream so variable weather is likely over the next week or so.



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Sheep Talk...



At long last we have finally had some much-needed rain. The grass has greened up and is growing away nicely. The ewes and lambs now look like they're grazing pasture and not desert!

We have had to start feeding winter forage over the last few weeks due to the lack of grazing. The ladies have been heartily enjoying

clover packed silage (and a few sneaky sheep nuts for my favourite few...). Luckily there is plenty of forage left for this coming winter, otherwise the cows would have something to complain about.

The ewes have almost completed their annual mothering job. Weaning is due to commence this week so the lambs will be separated off and moved away to another part of the estate. This simplifies the weaning process as the ewes and lambs cannot see or hear each other. Most of the ewes have turned off the milk bar now so only a select few are still allowing lambs to suckle.

The seasonal clock keeps ticking away. Once weaned, it will only be around 14 weeks before the rams are introduced back for a few weeks' "vacation" with the ladies. Then the whole cycle starts all over again.

Also on the agenda for the coming week is shearing time for the lambs. Fly and maggots have been a huge nationwide problem this summer. Unfortunately, so has mastitis in the ewes. The fly season started earlier than normal and in what appeared to be a greater number. Shearing will help to massively reduce the risk of fly strike. The lack of fleece makes it harder for the flies to lay eggs on the sheep so they are much less likely to hatch out.

The ladies seemed to enjoy their visit to the Country Fair this year. They kept nice and cool as they were in the shade of the trees all day. It was lovely to have so many people coming over to see both the sheep and the dogs over the course of the weekend. It's always nice to be able to answer questions that people ask regarding the animals.



Just a reminder that I will be holding a weekend of Sheepdog trials on August Bank Holiday weekend. There will be around 60 dogs running on each day. Also, Saturday 23rd is my MacMillan

Coffee Morning Charity Trial. Spectators are always welcomed, as are their dogs, but they must be on a lead at all times.

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Hub News



Thank you to all of you who took time to attend our AGM in June. The minutes can now be found online together with the annual accounts. At that meeting we were delighted to report that, for the first year in several years, we made a profit! Thanks to all of those who helped us throughout the year. We are now looking forward to HubFest on 23rd August and hope to see you all there.

There are several events coming up during the rest of the year.

31st July. Closing date for you all to get those photos in ready for the 3 Village Calendar

23rd August. Hubfest

27th September. Return of the Brunch, following a break over the Summer.

15th November. Annual Race Night – always a fun and popular evening

14th December. Three Village Christmas Meal. The price will hopefully remain the same as last year, booking is now open and payment will secure your place. Look out on our Facebook page for confirmation of the menu and cost.

Bookings continue to come in, although August tends to be fairly quiet as most regular classes break for the summer. The new booking system is working well and a lot more user friendly. The trustees, (yes just 4 of us now, so anyone wishing to join us, please speak to a trustee), continue to meet on a monthly basis. Maintenance is ongoing, as are jobs such as shed sorting. We are looking into a Donation Post in the car park for anyone wishing to donate while using our facilities.

We look forward to seeing you at one of the upcoming events, and as ever, thank you for your support.

The Hub Trustees

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10th August
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PET SERVICE
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21st August
HANDBELL WORKSHOP
12.00 - 13.30
A fun interactive workshop for all ages. Come along to enjoy the music or have a go. Refreshments provided. Parking available.

26TH AUGUST
18.00 - 21.00
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3VYP Committee



As 3VYP draws to a close for another year we are sad to see several of our team leaders step down from running our regular sessions. Both Charlie and Kat will no longer be running Kids Club or Youth Club sessions due to work

commitments. We would like to thank them both for all their hard work over many years!

In September, due to low volunteer numbers, Kids Club will not be back. We are working very hard behind the scenes to recruit the volunteers needed to start running sessions again and hope that we can make this happen by January. The committee would be very keen to hear from anyone who may be interested in joining the team. We need a minimum of three DBS checked adults per Kids Club session. We will cover the cost of DBS checks and also provide comprehensive training, induction and ongoing volunteer support. We would love to hear from you, please email us at the address below if you'd be interested in joining the team.

Youth Club will be back in September led by Louise and a rota of parent helpers. Huge thanks go to everyone who has offered to support us to enable this very popular group to continue. We are at capacity for Youth Club but will be running a waiting list for spaces if anyone is interested in joining in the new school year. Again, we would love to hear from anyone willing to help and are asking for a minimum commitment of just one session per term.

Please keep an eye on our socials and website for session dates in the new school year. We would like to wish all of our families a lovely summer break!

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£15pp, children up to 12yrs eat for free
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New to the villages?

Want to get to know your neighbours? Then why not join us for our annual Harvest Supper in the Hub. The two-course meal is cooked by locals and all the ingredients are locally sourced. It is an informal and fun evening. A lovely way to celebrate the end of Harvest and to make new acquaintances.

To reserve your seat please contact Emma on 01986 785343 or Sally at sally.clarke@live.com
Please let us know if you would like to book a vegetarian meal

History Corner



Above is a photograph of a group of children attending Heveningham Primary School c.1940. The school building has long since been converted to a private home. One of the children in the picture is Ethel Smith, daughter of the miller in Ubbeston. She attended the school from 1936 to 1942 and took her 11+ scholarship exam, going on to Mills Grammar in Framlingham (Thomas Mills School). Ethel remembered her Infants' teacher being Miss Allerton and her Junior Class teacher, Mrs Robinson. Ethel went on to become a teacher herself and in her scrapbook of memories describes the school as excellent.

Ubbeston never had its own school and shared the facilities of Heveningham's. However, in the 1930s many of the Ubbeston children attended school in Laxfield despite the longer walk or cycle ride. An advert in the Ipswich Journal 1837 sought to employ a Sunday School teacher for Ubbeston, who would be required to teach the children to read...

According to Heritage Suffolk, a daily school was recorded in Heveningham in 1515 and in 1818 there is a record of an Endowed School, which has 35 pupils with 15 free places. There was also a Sunday School with 63 attending. Various directories tell us that the building, which is still standing, was erected in 1859 to hold 85 children and 70 attended then. It was enlarged in 1895 to accommodate 100 pupils, although this would appear to be quite a tight squeeze and, probably thankfully, the average recorded attendance was 73. By 1916 the school was deemed to hold 76 children – a bit more elbow-room?

Admission records held by Suffolk Archives date from 1884 to 1948 and list the school as Heveningham Voluntary Primary School. Presumably 1948 is when the school closed? Earlier descriptions of the establishment refer to a Public Elementary day school.

How was the school funded? White's 1855 directory states The Town & Poors' Estate provides £10 per

annum towards the support of the school. In 1879 Kelly's Directory has the entry: *Here is a Public Elementary day school for the poor, which is supported by an endowment from the Heveningham Charities ... and partly by voluntary subscription.* From the Vanneck Papers Accounts of 1894 – 1904 the school appears to be supported by the family at Heveningham Hall.

School Staff: 1844 James Harrold, Schoolmaster; 1855 Sarah Kindred, Schoolmistress; 1879 Charles Wood, Master; 1888 John Jones, Master; 1892 & 1896 Charles Jesse Ashworth, Master; 1900 Allen Hassall, Master; 1916 Miss E M Mully, Supply Teacher; 1930s/40s Miss Allerton & Mrs Robinson.

There is evidence in the form of newspaper adverts that the Heveningham School building was put to good use out of hours for evening classes, although maybe not well attended. One article in the EADT in 1893 reported this:

*Book keeping class of Ubbeston run by Mr Charles J Ashworth in the Heveningham Schoolroom. Certificates to Miss L J Howell – gained first position**

Miss F Newman

Misses Edith & Ethel Skinner

And the footnote with asterisk **not enough attendance to win a prize!*

Laxfield & District Museum is hosting Charlie Haylock in Laxfield Village Hall for one of his final talks about the Suffolk dialect. Friday September 19th 7 for 7.30pm Tickets £10. Order from info@laxfieldmuseum.org.uk

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David's Column



Following recent Parish Council meetings where planning concerns have taken precedence our latest meeting was more 'normal' with the most contentious issue being the drains. Happy days!

Several parishioners complained about the on-going nasty smells detected in the middle of the village. It is important that as many people as possible complain to Anglia Water about this continuing problem. The easiest way is to phone them on 03457 145145. The more people who register a complaint, the better chance we have of getting something done. The Parish Council will also be writing to Anglia Water.



Continuing on drains, we have finally agreed a way forward to prevent water overflowing the ditch at the top of Brick Kiln Lane and flooding into the centre of the village. The work will be shared between Wilderness Reserve and the Parish Council and will entail piping the ditch from the 'old' Wilderness entrance to the beginning of the pipe that takes water down to the river. We hope to get this done by the end of September.

We will be installing four 'village gateways' on the outskirts of the village centre, close to where the 30mph road signs are located. There will be two at the junction of The Street and Barrels Hill (near the church), one by the bridge in Bridge Street and one on brick Kiln Lane. The gateways have been ordered and once they arrive we will be looking for a small band of volunteers to help install them. If you are able to help out please get in touch.

On the subject of volunteers, you will be (hopefully) aware of Hubfest on 23rd August. We already have a list of volunteers but still need a few more. If you are in the village that day and can spare no more than two hours, please let me know on 07540 484717.

We are also putting together a list of qualified first aiders who will be present that day. We have a lead first aider but need at least two more with current certificates who are willing to put their names forward. Hopefully you will not be called upon on the day!

We are all so looking forward to Hubfest. It has been quite a tough year in the village and this event gives us an opportunity to come together and celebrate what is great about living here. If you are in the village on August 23rd please come along and enjoy the party!

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St Margaret's Church, Heveningham with Ubbeston

Socially It has been a quiet couple of months at the church recently but there is always a lot going on behind the scenes. Since having the grass cut back at the front of the Church, we have found a few gravestones that seem to have been hidden for a while. We have cleaned them off and, hopefully, will be able to locate them in our burial records. It's always exciting to make new discoveries and the graveyard never disappoints in that aspect.



With the churchyard in mind, you will see that there are certain areas that have been left to grow wild as this helps provide for the many insects, butterflies and wildlife. Our hives are also very active and the bees are enjoying the wild flowers. We are also pleased to say that the church repairs will be starting soon,

in time for the winter months, although with all the recent rain they can't happen soon enough.

If you do visit the church, please take care while the building works are going on and please keep dogs on a lead.

We also have a few events coming up in August.
10th August, 10am. We are happy to hold our **Pet**

Service once again and hopefully will welcome Teddy the Tortoise as well as the possibility of goats and sheep. All pets are welcome, and the service is open to all ages. Beloved soft toys are also welcome.

21st August, 12pm. The **St Mary's Handbell Ringers** will be holding an interactive concert, where you have the chance and try your hand with the bells. This is always a fun session, suitable for all ages. Refreshments are available or bring a picnic to enjoy on the Glebe.

26th August, between 6-9pm. We are holding our first **Bat Evening**. Come along and join us for the chance to spot some of the Heveningham bats, with an informative talk, crafts and food available.

Coming soon:

13th September. Historic Churches Ride and Stride. A good opportunity to visit and support your local churches. Team up with friends and walk or cycle a route whilst raising money. Sponsor forms can be collected from the church or by contacting me.

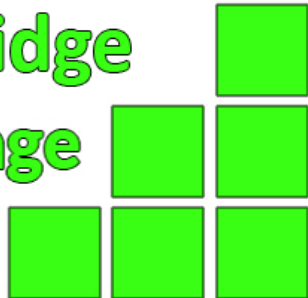
11th October. Bring and Buy produce market.

12th October. Harvest Festival and buffet

All our activities are free but donations towards the upkeep of the Church are always welcome. Thank you, as always, for your continued support

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Millennium Green Closure

In the next few weeks UK Power Networks will start work to bury the overhead electricity cables that cross the Millennium Green as part of the Wilderness Reserve project to underground all overhead cables across the Estate. The costs for these works is thus being met in full by the Wilderness Reserve.

For safety reasons this will result in partial closure of some or all of the site. Fencing and signage will be put in place whilst this is happening. Apologies for any inconvenience this causes to users of the Green, timing of the work is being planned so the closure can be kept to a minimum.

This work will prove beneficial to our Millennium Green from a visual and safety aspect (e.g. kite flying). It will also save long term management, and related costs for trimming the hedges and trees to avoid them touching the electricity cables.

Millennium Green Trustees

Shame for the poor Kestrel who uses the cables regularly, he'll have to find a new vantage point for his supper – Editor

Nature Notes

The annual Bioblitz Day was run recently by the Waveney Bird Club at the Wilderness Reserve. A bioblitz is an event where teams of expert volunteers and scientists work together to find and identify as many species as possible in a specific area over a set period of time. This year's event coincided with a long period of warm dry weather and thus proved particularly notable for the number and range of insects recorded.

We started the day checking the moth traps: these are basically a box with a powerful bulb that attracts moths overnight. The moths are examined, identified and released harmlessly early the next morning. This year the traps were bursting with moths and Matthew, our local expert who many of you have met at the moth events at Huntingfield church, was absolutely amazed. He said that it was the busiest morning for moths that he has experienced in many years.

The trap on the Millennium Green alone held over eighty different species. We found several scarce species including Ruddy Carpet, Ash Spinner and, rarest of all, an Apple Marble. This example (right) is only the fourth ever specimen recorded in Suffolk and the first one that Matthew has ever seen in the



county. It is a small brown and orange moth and its caterpillars feed on apple tree leaves, particularly Crab Apple. It is a rare UK species found mainly in southern Britain and is protected by the Biodiversity Action plan so, although small, it is a significant find.

Another rare insect that was found on the day was one with a much more spectacular appearance. - a male Purple Emperor butterfly which was spotted in bushes



on the edge of North Wood on the Heveningham estate. This was the first time that this scarce and protected species has been

recorded on the estate. It's a large iridescent purple and white butterfly that lives in woodland, spending much of its time high in the canopy. The adults feed on honeydew secreted by aphids while the caterpillars' food comprises various willows.

Sadly, a fantastic sound of summer is soon to be fading from local villages as our beloved Swifts will very soon be departing the UK. Their eerie high-pitched screams will no longer be heard for another year as you enjoy a drink outside the Arms. These dark, sickle winged and speedy birds arrive in late April or early May and begin to depart in mid-July with the majority gone by early August. Seeing a



Swift in September is quite a rare occurrence. These amazing flyers, that winter in Southern Africa, travel around 14,000 miles per year in migration and only land to nest and raise their young. They eat, drink (raindrops), sleep and mate whilst in flight. They are amazing flyers who can reach 70mph in level flight thus making them the fastest birds on the planet.

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Your Parish Council

Ubbeston Parish Council



The most recent meeting of the Parish Council took place on Monday 14th July. Draft minutes of the meeting are available to view on the Parish Council website and notice board along with the latest District and County Councillors full reports.

A Happy to Chat bench has been purchased for the village following the receipt of funding from Cllr Julia Ewart. Thanks are offered to Cllr Ewart and East Suffolk Council for their support in providing a community bench where residents can rest and take the opportunity to sit and have a chat with other members of the community.

Various Planning Applications have been considered by the Parish Council over recent months. Details of all planning applications can be found on the ESC website.

The Ubbeston Parish Council website is regularly updated so please do look out for the latest information at ubbeston.onesuffolk.net.

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

Angela Colbridge, ubbestonclerk@gmail.com

Heveningham Parish Council



The most recent meeting of the Parish Council took place on Wednesday

16th July 2025. Draft minutes from the meeting can be viewed on the Parish Council website along with the latest reports from the District and County Councillors.

The Parish Council has now adopted a Prevention of General and Sexual Harassment in the Work Place Policy and Procedure. This will be published on the website and also in the Parish Council noticeboard in due course.


We welcome Karen Howard, who has been co-opted onto the Parish Council, filling one of the casual vacancies for a councillor. Please contact the Clerk if you are interested in joining the council and would like more information.

Work on Bell Meadow continues and there is now a shelter/seating area for visitors to enjoy. The Heveningham Charity Trust has kindly made a donation to Bell Meadow this year and the Parish Council would like to thank them for their generous support of this community area. The Play Area was temporarily closed whilst the shelter was installed and then due to a fallen tree but is now open once more. Funding is in place for future work and additions to the area.

The next meeting of the Parish Council is due to take place on Wednesday 17th September 2025 at 7pm in The Church at Heveningham. All residents are welcome to attend.

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Church Chat

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Neighbourhood Plans



There have been a number of occasions when the subject of developing a Neighbourhood Plan for Huntingfield has been proposed. Sadly, the lack of support from the local community meant that this process was never moved forward. Given the local unrest with the development of the Blyth Barn complex and associated properties perhaps it is time that we attempt to put this in progress once again? Having a plan in place gives the Parish Council more influence over planning decisions and allows the village to decide on local development initiatives.

What does a Plan comprise?

- A document that sets out planning policies for the neighbourhood area – planning policies are used to decide whether to approve planning applications
- Written by the local community, the people who know and love the area, rather than the local planning authority
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A lot of work is required to produce and approve a plan so I will be contacting local Parish Councils to see if they would be interested in combining our parishes into one 'planning area'. There used to be funding available to help develop a Neighbourhood Plan but this has now been withdrawn due to spending reviews so progress would require both funding and comprehensive local input. If you would be interested in getting involved or have any suggestions in moving this forward, please contact me.

Helen Cannon, hcannon50@gmail.com

What's on – dates for your diary

August

5th Mobile Library, p 7
 10th Pet Service, St Margarets, p 12
 17th Grace Brothers, The Arms, p 4
 21st St Mary's Handbell Ringers, St Margarets, p 12
 23rd August, Hubfest, p 1
 26th Bat Evening, St Margarets, p 12
 31st Table 9, The Arms, p 4

September

2nd Mobile Library, p 7
 8th Ubbeston PC Meeting, The Hub, 7pm
 10th Huntingfield PC Meeting, The Hub, 7pm
 17th Heveningham PC Meeting, The Hub, 7pm
 20th Harvest Supper, The Hub, p 9
 21st Harvest Festival Service, St Mary's, p 12
 27th Brunch at The Hub
 30th Mobile Library, p 7

Regular events at The Hub

Youth Club: Check <https://3vypsuffolk.wordpress.com/> or 3VYP Suffolk on Facebook for details.

Orchid Fitness Pilates: Thursday a.m. (see advert on p 16)

Pilates Body Harmony: Monday 6-7pm & Friday 6-6.45pm, The Hub (see advert on p 14)

Tai Chi: Monday, 2-3pm (contact Cindy Engel, cindywildhealth@gmail.com)

Zumba: Every Thursday, 11am-noon, £7 per PAYG session (see advert on page 5)

Relaxation Class with SarahLou: Third Monday of the month, £15 pay as you go. £50 for the 4 sessions

Upcoming Events

5th October, Huntingfield Apple Pressing, p 4
 11th October, Bring & Buy, St Margarets
 12th October, Harvest Festival & Buffet, St Margarets
 8th November, Heveningham Hall Fireworks
 15th November, Race Night, The Hub
 14th December, 3 Villages Christmas Supper

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