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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.

Phew!

Well, it has been very, very warm and the landscape around our villages certainly looks like we are in early autumn rather than summer. I'm sure many of us are looking to the skies in hope of the rain which never seems to arrive! By the time this issue drops on your doorstep Huntingfield's Hubfest will be over and we're sure it will be another great success. Many thanks go to the brains behind it, David, Jeannette and Peter and also to all the volunteers for their hard work!

There are lots more events to follow. You can have a go at scything on the Huntingfield wildflower meadow, turn your apples into juice (p 12) or join a more sedate Harvest Service & Macmillan Coffee Morning at St Mary's (p 8) followed by the popular Harvest Supper at the Hub in October (p 2). A busy time over at Heveningham too with the Pet Service, Village Picnic and Bat Evening to enjoy (p 13). Looking ahead to October, Music



Bingo returns to The Hub and the annual Race Night follows in November (p 8). So, lots of dates for your diary. Speaking of which, there will be another local calendar available this year featuring stunning Suffolk Skies so don't go buying your 2027 one just yet. Profits will go to The Hare so you'll be supporting us at the same time. *The Hare Team*

Just married!



Many congratulations to Huntingfield residents Chris and Beth Kerridge who were married at Huntingfield Church on 17th July. We wish you a long and happy life together.

Outdoor gym anyone?



You will read elsewhere about the possible removal of some of the play equipment on the Millennium Green which is ageing and pretty much beyond repair. In its place we have suggested using some of the CiL money to install an outdoor gym suitable for everyone from the elderly to children.

There are many different pieces of equipment designed for a variety of exercise. These gyms are very popular in open spaces and are reportedly well used. Watch out for future details. If you have any preference or queries please contact one of us via The Hare email.
Helen Cannon, Sue Brewer, Ann Oldham

Weather report: June – July 2026



Hello everyone. I guess there's no need to state the obvious, so I won't! July has been very dry with only 0.11"(2.8mm) of rain with a smidgeon on the 21st July and a light fall on the 26th. Either way, it makes no difference to the state of the drought. We are lucky that there is no hosepipe ban in this local area - yet. However, we are reminded to be very careful with our usage. My car, for instance, can stay dirty. I can certainly recall a similar period of drought in 1976 that caused a number of trees to die a year or so after.

June, however, was a reasonably wet month after a dry second half of May. I recorded 3.48" (88.4 mm) of rain which was welcomed by gardeners and farmers alike.

Cumulatively in June/July 2025 there was 5.86" (148.9mm) of rain. To date this year there has been 12.63" (320.8mm) of rain compared with the same period in 2025 when I recorded 12.60" (320.4mm) which is almost identical. So, what's the problem I hear some ask. Well it's these pesky heatwaves which have been a little excessive for some, myself included.

	2025	2026	Diff Inches
Jun	2.62	3.48	0.86
Jul	3.24	0.11	-2.51
Totals	5.86	3.59	-1.65

So what causes heatwaves? This year there are several reasons. Mainly, Jet Stream Meanders, where a wavy or buckled jet stream forms an ‘Omega block’ pattern and traps hot air masses over the UK and northern Europe for days or weeks - this best describes why. However, all other reasons summarily cause the same including ‘global warming’ adding to the frequency and depth/length of the events.

Enjoy the rest of the summer, the first frost of the summer was recorded a couple of days ago in Scotland where there has been considerably more of the wet stuff (scotch mist?).

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Sheep Talk...



Hello all. As the summer continues to deny us rain, all our grazing now looks like the plains of Africa. The ewes and lambs have no green grass in front of them. As a consequence we are already feeding our winter forage supplies to the sheep and cattle. Also, the sheep are proving what great

athletes they are by constantly hurdling the electric fencing or doing limbo under gates just to get to some slightly tastier treats on the other side of their fence. At the moment, the grass truly is greener on the other side... Despite the lack of lush grass, the ladies are looking very well, and holding body condition nicely.

We recently started weaning the lambs. It's an extremely loud job, as anyone nearby would agree. The ewes have proved ready to be taken away from their lambs and have settled very quickly into their new groups. It's their time to recover, gain weight and rest before the boys are back in November. It may sound a long time away but it will be with us in the blink of an eye.



Having said that the ladies have a break before the boys visit, that's not true for a small select few. A surprise lamb appeared on 19th June - an absolute head scratcher! However, we have now had six more ladies produce lambs in the last two weeks. It's the first time I've had pet lambs to bottle feed in

July! I still have no idea who the ladies had secret liaisons with, but it sure has resulted in some very pretty, good looking lambs, which is a bonus.

There were more new arrivals here at Green Farm in May. My Jet had her seven pups, all happy and healthy. It was a total of 12 hours from the first pup being delivered to the last one arriving. I can honestly say, lambing 1,400 ewes



proved much less stressful than the 12 hours I spent on this maternity duty! For a first-time mum, Jet has done a fantastic job of rearing the pups. They have had a wonderful start to life. There is now a new team member (although only 10 weeks old) to join my gang. HoggsHope Jyp looks like a smaller version of her mum and I'm

sure you will see her out and about before too long. In two weeks Jyp will be introduced to a small bunch of very quiet sheep and her journey to becoming a sheepdog will begin. It's always an exciting time; watching a pups natural ability rise to the surface and it's instincts kicking in. Its great to see them doing what they are bred to do, with a little bit of help and guidance from the shepherdess.

I hope you all stay safe in the heat that is forecast to stay with us. Fingers crossed for some much-needed rain before too much longer. *Lucy*



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Rosanna (Roe) Steel – 1938-2026

22nd July sadly saw the funeral of Rosanna Steel, a long time Huntingfield resident who passed away peacefully in hospital. Roe, as she was generally known, was born in Southwold in June 1938 just before the Second



World War. Her parents and grandmother lived in a public house named The Victoria Hotel in East Street., a pub which had been run by her grandparents since 1933 (now a branch of Seasalt). Sadly, Roe's grandfather died the day after she was born leaving her nan, Elsie, to run the pub "specifically for working men". Roe grew up

there along with her two younger sisters, Jacqueline and Heather, and her mum, Florence. When she was just seven years old her mum died at only 32. She had tuberculosis, which killed many young people in those days, and Elsie was left to bring up the children. In an article in The Hare in 2015 Roe recalled many fond memories of her childhood although she does say they "weren't little angels"!

On leaving school Roe went to work at Fordux Mills, a local bedding manufacturer (it was taken over by Slumberland in the 1950s and finally closed in the 70s). Tragedy struck again in 1955 with the death of Elsie and the three girls were at risk of being homeless. However, Roe (who was known as a "schemer") knew she had to act to ensure the security of the family. Already engaged to Jack at age 18, she decided to marry early to provide a home for her sisters.

Roe Gilbert and Jack Steel were married on 12th November 1955 at a "cheap and cheerful" ceremony at St Edmund's Church, Southwold. They arrived in Jack's Ford Anglia and the factory girls formed an arch when they came out, Roe recalled. However, when they got back in the car it wouldn't start and Jack had to hand-crank it back into life!

The couple set up home in Laxfield where Susan was born in 1956, followed by Stephen three years later. They thought their family was complete until Julie arrived 11 years later at which time they were living in Bridge Street, Huntingfield. With the arrival of two grandsons, Darren and Damien, they raised five children. The couple later moved to Holland Rise and eventually bought their house where Roe lovingly cared for her large garden.

In 1995 Jack was diagnosed with Alzheimer's Disease and Roe cared for him until he died in 2006. It took her a long time to get used to being on her own. However, having Julie and family living next door meant that she was never short of company and had family close, which was very important to her.



At her funeral we were told that Rosanna was known as the head of her family. She was gentle about the role, always ready with a portion of sausage pie or some other

tasty morsel. She was the person you went to if there was a problem, always the first port of call for the family members. In some ways she was the last of a generation, a link between the world of today and times past which is now sadly a little more distant.



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We have a few specialty evenings coming up. The Paella night on 12th August, followed by at Tapas evening on 27th and the Curry Night on 17th



September are all fully booked. However, as always, do check with us as you can be wait listed for any cancellations.

We have replenished our stock in the shop: there are frozen meals, pizzas, cheese and shelves of deliciousness available so do come and have a browse. Sausage rolls, scotch eggs and quiches are planned for making shortly – perfect for picnics.

Our Sunday afternoon music makes a return and continues into September. Put the dates in your diaries and come and support your favourite local musicians.

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30th Ballard Bootleggers
Sept.: 6th Table 9

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Huntingfield son becomes a Doctor



With parents Jane, Tony and sister Francesca.

Doctor Jack Morelli has just completed a degree in post graduate Medicine from Warwick University. He now takes up his first role as a Resident Doctor at Glasgow Royal Infirmary.

Jack's route to Medicine is less conventional. He trained as a Battlefield Medical Technician completing four years in the army, posted to the Parachute Regiment. He has also been a Health Care Assistant while studying and a charity volunteer in Africa and Greece. He is also a History graduate from Bristol University.
Tony Morelli



Mobile Library

The monthly mobile library stops at Huntingfield Hub on Tuesdays at 15.00-15.20.

Upcoming dates are 4th August and 1st September. Details can also be found online:

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

Church chat

Our village of Huntingfield is very lucky to have a thriving pub, Hub, Millennium Green and church. Over the course of the summer there has been much activity at the church. Firstly, we recently had our 5-yearly inspection of the building and churchyard. The architect found it all to be in reasonably good shape but even so there is still a long list of maintenance and repairs to work through. So, if you see builders, scaffolding, hoists etc. around the church in the coming months don't be alarmed, it means that another job has been 'ticked off' the list. The PCC will be looking at ways to pay for the ongoing repairs and applying for grants and funding wherever possible.

In July Beth and Chris Kerridge were married at Huntingfield. It is always a delight to hold a wedding here and even more so when the couple choose their own parish church. We wish them a long and happy marriage. Not so common is to celebrate a couple renewing their marriage vows which also took place in July. It was a wonderful occasion that we were happy to be part of. We look forward to our next wedding in September between Lizzie and Henry of Crutch Hall who are members of our congregation.

The funeral of Rosanna Steel was held on 22nd July (p 5). She was laid to rest with her late husband, Jack, in the churchyard.

There are a number of special services and events coming up so please make a note. We look forward to welcoming

as many of you as possible to one or all of them;

Sunday 23rd August, 10am: Iona service of worship. Led by Jenny Blackmore (see below)

Sunday 27th September, 10am: Harvest Festival followed by **Macmillan Coffee Morning at 11am** in the church and churchyard, weather permitting (p 8)

Saturday 3rd October from 6.30pm: Harvest Supper at the Hub (see p 2)



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The Auracast system, as detailed in the last Hub update is working well. For those who are hard of hearing this is hugely beneficial, particularly for meetings and conferences. Feedback from anyone using the system will be gratefully received.

Forthcoming events

The return of **Music Bingo** is now happening. It will take place on the 17th October and, if the success of the last event is anything to go by, it should be masses of fun and an event not to be missed. Bring your own booze and nibbles or alternatively, bring over a pint from the pub. **Race Night** is another immensely popular event and will return on the 14th November. Put these dates in your diary!

I know that it seems rather early to mention the dreaded 'C' word, however, our three village Christmas meal is planned for the 13th December. This year we will have some added value and intend to arrange for the addition of live music for the event. Watch this space for further details.

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There is a prize draw every month with £30 to the winner, £15 to second place and £5 to third. If you aren't already a subscriber but would like to join, please tell Jim or Julie and if a place comes up, in you'll go. Good luck to everyone!

May		June	
1st	Sally Kline	1st	Joan Clarke
2nd	Allan Barnes	2nd	Lisa and Mick White
3rd	Carol Lofthouse	3rd	Nina Roe

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Petanque



The weather has been very kind to us as we pass the half way mark in the season. In the league the Hares have played five games, winning two and drawing three, which has put us in the middle of the table, but there are only two points between us and first place so all to play for! We are still in the Plate Knockout and are due to play Beau Belles Middleton in the next round.

We have two teams in the triples league: Hares 1 are in Division 1 and have played 4, won 1, lost 2 and drawn 1. Hares 2 are in Division 3 and have played 2 and drawn 2. There are several games coming up in the next few weeks. I played in the Memorial Cup at Westhall in June, a triples tournament with teams randomly drawn. I am delighted to say my team won silver in a great tournament.

Many of our team are also playing in an ongoing singles tournament. Good luck to all of them. Once again I will be playing in the regionals for Suffolk at Weston Super Mare. Hopefully more good news to report in the next Hare.

Julie Collett, Captain, Huntingfield Hares

Heveningham Hall Country Fair 2026



What a fantastic two days we had at the end of June at this year's event! Over 12,000 visitors across the weekend enjoyed watching the Monster Trucks, Birds of Prey and the Spectacle of Equitation (horse display) amongst many other events. Music rang out around

various areas, with food and drink a plenty for all to enjoy! Our younger visitors tried their hand at golf or rugby, before enjoying the Punch & Judy and Andy the Clown! Something for everyone to enjoy!

A huge 'Thank You' to all our visitors, and to the volunteers that helped over the weekend! We couldn't do it without you! Once again, we will be delighted to be able to give substantial funds to worthy charities in our area!

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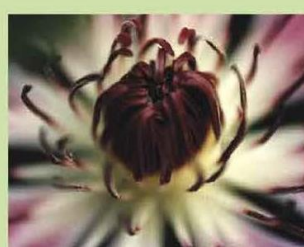
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Edward's Column



The July parish council meeting was held on the 8th July and was attended by three members of the village. Julia Ewart had asked for feedback from the PC on any issues with the Suffolk recycles bin collections.

Based on the sample of those present at the meeting no issues were reported. However if you do have issues can you please let me know.

The issue of the need to replace the play equipment on the millennium green was raised. The equipment is 20 years old and has reached the end of its life and views are required from residents as to whether this should be done. The MG trustees are obtaining costs for replacement and the PC is investigating whether funds are available to replace the equipment, without using CIL money. Two new gazebos for the village have been purchased with CIL money, and it was agreed to go ahead with the replacement of the current slope at the top of the existing MG steps with extra steps and a handrail. Residents views are also being sought on ideas for adult fitness equipment to be sited on the Millennium Green.

There have been some complaints regarding the amount of Wilderness Reserve traffic through the village. In the first instance residents should contact Wilderness Reserve directly with specific details at community@wildernessreserve.com. If there is no response or an unsatisfactory response then please make the parish council aware.

The next meeting is on Wednesday 9th September at 7:00pm. All the reports and minutes are available to read at: www.huntingfieldparishcouncil.gov.uk.

We still have vacancies for 3 councillors. The role of the Parish Council continues to play an important part in the life of the village, from having responsibility for the village community assets, input into local planning decisions, setting the precept, and even deciding what to do with the CIL grants as a few examples. With the re-organisation of government at a county level, we are the one constant in the current climate.

So if you are the slightest bit interested in making a contribution to village life or can add value to what we do please speak to myself, Emma, Sally or John we would love to have you on board.

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Nature Notes



Our local soundscape will be changing markedly very soon as one of my favourite migrant birds will be leaving us to head south for the winter. They are Swifts, the all dark sickle winged birds that scream loudly as they zoom rapidly around local towns and villages. They are closely

associated with humans, especially in East Anglia. They really like our old curly pantiled roofs as they can squeeze underneath the tiles to make their rudimentary nests.

They are amazing birds as, unlike most small birds, they don't sit or perch on twigs etc. In fact they feed, mate and sleep on the wing and only deliberately land while on the nest. They typically have one brood of 2-3 eggs which take about three weeks to hatch and the young, literally, fly

the nest around two months later. Just before leaving for Africa large flocks made up mainly of young birds, scream around local roofs.

They take about four years to reach breeding age and in the meantime will, on return to the UK, check out potential nest sites. This is when nest boxes will be 'found' and subsequently used by a pair to raise their young. The UK population has dropped by 70% since 1995 so any help, such as providing more nesting sites, is definitely a great idea.

They migrate around 6,000 miles each way every year so, in a typical year, they will fly around 15,000 miles. The oldest known Swift was eighteen years so by that time it would have flown an amazing quarter of a million miles - the same distance as the Moon from the earth! Do try and spot your last Swift of the year as most will have left us by mid-August and a Swift in September or later is very unusual.



The recent hot drought conditions have probably suited the Swifts as they, like other migrant birds, feed on insects. Butterflies and

moths have done well this year with good numbers of both appearing in local gardens. Look out in particular for the orange Painted Lady butterfly and the hovering Hummingbird Hawkmoth both of which arrived in good numbers from Europe this year.



Barn Owls have also had an exceptional breeding season with large broods of up to nine young being found in local nest boxes. This is probably due to the wet spring weather (which seems a long time ago) that resulted in large numbers of voles being present in local meadows. I also heard a Nightingale singing just outside in early June which is a notable record as we don't now have many locally.
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History Corner: In for a penny...



When considering the displays for the 800th year anniversary since Henry III allowed a market to be held in Laxfield, I became

focused on the penny coin and its history. The Roman denarius coin gave us the 'd' for penny before the advent of decimal 'New Money', which changed it to 'p' in 1971. There had been silver pennies since Saxon times and this Henry III silver 'short cross' penny shown here is contemporary with the Laxfield 1226 Market. There were 240 pennies in a pound although the only available coin was a penny. The idea of a pound was then just a means of counting money – there was no pound coin or any other coins although we know halfpennies and farthings were formed by cutting the penny in two or four pieces. There is now evidence that during Henry's reign some experimental smaller denominational coins were produced. The 'long cross' penny, so called because the cross reached the edges of the coin, was introduced in Henry's time too.

In 1797, when George III was on the throne, silver was replaced by copper. The large, heavy penny was called a 'cartwheel'. The idea was that it would be more difficult to forge. In 1860 during Queen Victoria's long reign, the metal was changed again. This time to bronze and the coin became smaller and thinner. It was called a 'Bun Penny' to reflect the queen's hairstyle. Later in Victoria's reign, in 1895, an older veiled queen was shown on the penny and it became known as the 'Veiled Head Penny.'

I expect many of us remember the penny from 'Old Money', pre-decimalisation, with Britannia proudly depicted. She had appeared on the penny since 1672 when Charles II was king. But the figure had featured on Roman coins c119 AD.

In 1971 there were no longer 240 pennies to a pound but now 100. Decimalisation had arrived, reflecting many other foreign currencies. The penny reverted to being a small coin again. However, the penny is still deeply rooted in our language...

It cost a pretty penny

In for a penny, in for a pound

Spend a penny

Look after the pennies and the pounds will look after themselves

He is a bad penny

Penny wise, pound foolish

And the penny drops...

Pennies from heaven

A penny saved is a penny earned

Not have a penny to your name...

Two a penny

And I am sure for two pennies you can think of many more!

Laxfield & District Museum forthcoming events in Laxfield Village Hall:

Saturday 17th October Coffee Morning with local displays of finds by David Steadman, detectorist, and Sutton Hoo Historic Textile Group demonstrating Saxon skills.

Saturday 24th October Museum Ceilidh

Lynne Ward

Millennium Green News

The trustees of the Millennium Green are pleased to report that the extension works to our upper car park on Brick Kiln lane has commenced. Steve and Rob are doing an excellent job. As you will read elsewhere, we are looking into various options regarding the fitness circuit equipment on the green and are questioning whether to repair or replace. Obviously we would have to find funding for either of these options. Any suggestions regarding this or any other issues please pass on to any of our trustees (p 16).

We have also installed new benches and picnic tables, made from recycled tyres, just in time for Hubfest. Thank you to Jeremy for helping us move them with his fork lift as they are extremely heavy!

An upcoming event on 19th September is our popular Apple pressing day. Bring your own apples and have them made into delicious apple juice. All necessary equipment and new bottles are available so you can take your juice home. Refreshments including hot drinks and barbecued bacon or mushroom rolls will be on sale.

Tony Howe

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St Margaret's Church, Heveningham with Ubbeston

There's plenty happening at St Margaret's Church over the coming months, and we'd love you to come along and join us. Our first event is our popular **Pet Service** on **Sunday 9th August**. Every year we welcome an amazing variety of animals, and I always look forward to seeing who - or what - will join us next! All animals are welcome. We have plenty of parking, including space for horse boxes and trailers. We simply ask that all animals are kept on a lead or in a suitable carrier/pen to ensure everyone's safety and comfort.

On **Saturday 15th August**, we're looking forward to the **Heveningham Village Picnic** on Bell Meadow. It's always a wonderful afternoon and a lovely chance for friends, neighbours and visitors to get together and enjoy the summer.



Our popular **Bat Evening** returns on **Wednesday 26th August**, from 8-10pm. We'll begin the evening in church with children's activities, refreshments and an interesting talk from Rev'd Dominic. Then,

from around 9pm, we'll head out to the Glebe where, with a little luck, we'll be treated to the sight of bats swooping around the church just as they did last year. The evening is free to attend and everyone welcome.

On **Saturday 12th September**, we once again welcome the annual **Ride and Stride** event. Whether you visit one church or several, we'd love you to take part. Sponsor forms are available from the church. Despite the name, you don't have to walk or cycle - all forms of transport are welcome, and the more unusual, the better. #

Caring for Our Churchyard

If you've visited the churchyard recently, you may have noticed how tidy it is looking. This has been made possible thanks to the funds raised through our 100 Club. In the process of caring for and restoring the area we've uncovered a number of long-hidden gravestones. Some names are still familiar to our village, so if you think you may have family connections do come and have a look. We'd also be delighted to check our burial records to help you locate family graves. There are still a few 100 Club numbers available. By joining, you'll not only have the chance of winning our monthly prize, but you'll also be helping us to continue maintaining this special place for future generations.

Inspired by Creation – Art & Photography Competition

Finally, we're delighted to launch our competition in celebration of the beautiful churches of the Blyth Valley. The competition opens on 1st August and closes on 31st May 2027. We hope it will encourage people to explore and

appreciate our wonderful local churches most of which are open during the day, so why not visit one with your easel, sketchbook or camera?

Further details about the competition can be found below:

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Thursday Club

Just before Christmas 2025 Sheila and Jeannette had an idea. We wanted to set up a club that would be open to all in our community along with residents of neighbouring villages, which should be inclusive to all and an opportunity to make new friends, meet neighbours, and welcome newcomers. So, Thursday Club was launched on 8th January 2026 and every Thursday following, meeting in the Hub at 2-4pm.

We play games, partake in art, crafts and pottery and are open to any new activities anyone may wish to introduce. Alongside Thursday we introduced carpet bowls on alternative Tuesdays from 7-9pm. This has proved to be very popular and highly competitive for some. Although carpet bowls continues to run throughout the summer, Thursday Club has taken a short summer break and will recommence on 10th September. We celebrated



the end of summer term with a boat trip down the river Waveney and stopped off at the Waveney Inn to enjoy lunch. It was a joy to get together and take a trip down the river and a lovely way to finish summer term.

Finally, some quotes from some of our members:

'When I first moved to Huntingfield in 1987, the old village hall had been in use for decades and was in constant need of attention. We all were so grateful to have a new village hall and I am quite pleased to come here and have talks and games with very nice people. I just hope it carries on like this in the future.'

'I came as a stranger to everyone but I have been welcomed and feel one of the group now.'

'Particularly beneficial during the winter months, I enjoyed the company and the games we played.'

'I never had anything to go to and a chance to go out, I didn't see many people at all. It was lovely to go to this club and see people I haven't seen for years and to try different things. Being able to talk to people has helped me a lot.'

'I wasn't too sure what to expect when I heard about the idea of Thursday Club and an afternoon of games but I thought that I would give it a go. Seven months on and this group has given people a chance to come together.'

If you are interested in joining us once we recommence in September, you would be very welcome, just turn up on the day.

Sheila Freeman, Jeannette Redway



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Heveningham Parish Council



The most recent meeting of Heveningham Parish Council took place on Tuesday 21st July 2026. Draft minutes from the

meeting will be available on the Parish Council website in due course.

Recently elected Suffolk County Councillor, Annette Dunning attended the meeting, where she introduced herself, thanked the Parish Council for its ongoing work and offered her support wherever needed.

The Parish Council continues to investigate and address issues relating to trees, footpaths and highways, with a number of ongoing projects under active consideration. Replacement trees for the land adjacent to The Street are currently being considered and will be planted later this year. Further discussion will take place at the September meeting. If you have any suggestions for suitable tree species for this location, please send them to the Clerk in advance so they can be included in the Council's considerations.

Many local residents have been enjoying games of Petanque since the opening of the court at Bell Meadow. If you would like to have a game the equipment is available to borrow. Please contact the Clerk for information on accessing the equipment.

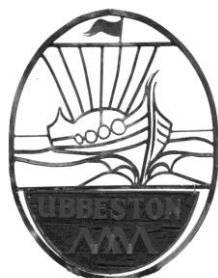
The next meeting of the Parish Council is due to take place on Wednesday 16th September 2026 and is likely to be held in The Hub at Huntingfield, commencing at 7pm. All residents are warmly invited to attend.

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Ubbeston Parish Council



It is with heavy hearts that we acknowledge the incredibly sad news of the sudden passing of Carl Walker, Chair of Ubbeston Parish Council. Carl was a deeply valued colleague and friend who gave his time generously and worked with quiet dedication for the good of the community he cared so much about. He will be greatly

missed by us all. We extend our heartfelt sympathy to his family and hold them in our thoughts at this difficult time.

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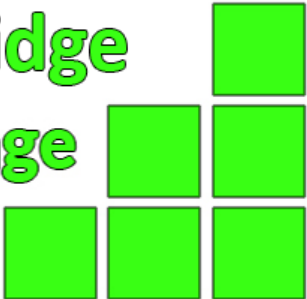
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What's on – dates for your diary

August

1st Hubfest, Millennium Green, Huntingfield
 4th Mobile Library, p 6
 9th Pet Service, St Margaret's, p 7
 15th Heveningham Village Picnic, p 7
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 23rd Iona Service, St Mary's, p 7
 26th Bat Evening, St Margaret's, p 7

September

1st Mobile Library, p 6
 9th Huntingfield PC, The Hub, 7pm
 16th Heveningham PC, The Hub, 7pm
 12th Ride & Stride, St Margaret's
 19th Apple Pressing, The Hub, p 12
 27th Harvest service & Macmillan, St Mary's, p 7

Regular events at The Hub

Thursday Club – every Thursday, 2-4pm (restarts 10th September)
Carpet Bowls – every other Tuesday, 7-9pm, 2nd, 11th & 25th August 8th and 27th September
Orchid Fitness Pilates: Thursday a.m. (see ad p **Error! Bookmark not defined.**)
Pilates Body Harmony: Monday 6-7pm, (see ad p **Error! Bookmark not defined.**)
Tai Chi: Monday, 2-3pm (contact Cindy Engel, cindywildhealth@gmail.com)
Zumba: Every Thursday, 11am-noon, £7 per PAYG session (see ad p 6)
Relaxation Class with SarahLou: 3rd Monday of the month, £15 pay as you go. £50 for 4 sessions.

Upcoming Events

26th September, Brunch at The Hub returns
 3rd Harvest Supper, The Hub, 2
 17th October, Music Bingo, The Hub, p 8

14th November, Race Night, p 8
 13th December, 3 Village Christmas Meal, p 8

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