





Faces of Hundon Page 6

HATA Wassailing Page 5 Sunday 11th February in the Community Orchard











I'd like to introduce myself as the new editor, and I very much want to hear from you as to what you'd like to see on these pages.

Personally, I would love to see the community celebrated here, and I need your help to do so. Please send in your favourite recipes, gardening tips, photos of the local area, or artwork from a local artist. Are you a creative writer? give us your poems or short stories. There's always space for a Haiku or two! Do you have a smallholding, or keep bees, or tend to a patch at the allotments? Do you feed the birds in your garden? or watch the local wildlife? Do you delight in walks around the village? Perhaps you're looking to meet up with others, or fancy sharing your expertise with us. Tell us what vou thought about a recent event held in the village, or submit an article about your favourite crafting activity. Ask a question, or wish someone a Happy Birthday. Tell us something about your life here in the village - and let us know what you'd like to read from others.

So what's new this month? We have a new Faces of Hundon section, meeting the people of Hundon and sharing their stories, along with a new Puzzle Page created by Mr Kobayaashi, to keep your minds alert. And seeing as it's February, we have a recipe for pancakes!

We would like to be able to offer prizes for future competitions. If you're a local business, would you be interested in donating to the prize fund? Or perhaps you'd like to sponsor a colour front page? We'd love to bring a splash of vibrancy to our monthly village news.

I won't hold you up any longer. Go get those puzzles and explore the new pages / look. I hope you'll like what you see, and if you don't - please tell *me*!

Happy reading.

Gillie Robson

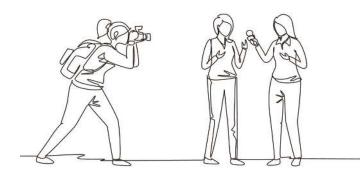
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Also: An *Information Drop-Off & Suggestion Box for the Hundon Herald* is now situated in the Village Shop. This will be checked weekly.

Deadline for the March issue is: February 21st 2024 (12 Noon)

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Are you a budding journalist? Do you have a curious mind? An appetite for questions and a need for answers? The Hundon Herald wants to hear from YOU!

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Mon 5th Rise: 07:33 Set: 16:51 Mon 12th Rise: 07:19 Set: 17:04 Mon 19th Rise: 07:06 Set: 17:17 Mon 26th Rise: 06:51 Set: 17:30

(All times are in UTC)

MOBILE LIBRARY VAN

Bury St Edmunds Mobile Library Route 18. Calling in at Hundon (Village Hall car park) every four weeks on a Wednesday afternoon.

Wednesday 21st February 14:50-15:50



"There is no frigate like a book to take us lands away."

- Emily Dickinson (American Poet. 1830 - 1886)

World Poetry Day

POETRY WANTED 21st March is World Poetry Day.



by the Hundon Herald by the 21st February and join us in discovering and celebrating local poets.

Open to all ages.

Email: HundonHerald@post.com or pop it in the HH Box at the Village Shop. Include your name (or pen-name).

WHICH WAY TO HUNDON?!

Whichever way the wind blows...



Wassailing Celebration

4pm Sunday 11th February in the Community Orchard







Please come and join our wassailing king and queen in reciting incantations, singing to the trees, making music, loud noises and general frivolity to promote a good harvest for the coming year!

There will be music and food as well as the cider that was made following our apple day in October.

See Page 5 for Full Details and HATA Info.

KEDINGTON COMMUNITY CENTRE MARKET

FIRST SUNDAY OF THE MONTH 9:30 - 12:00 FOODS * CRAFTS * CAFÉ

UPCOMING DATES 2024: 4 February; 3 March; 7 April; 5 May



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Rector's Ramblings – February 2024 (Love beyond Valentine's Day)

As we step into February, the crisp winter air begins to whisper of another kind of warmth the gentle heat of love. Shops adorn themselves in reds and pinks, heart-shaped merchandise lines the shelves, and thoughts turn to romance and declarations of affection. But is February's love story truly limited to chocolates, roses, and cards? I don't think so.

Whilst Valentine's Day, with its charming traditions and sweet gestures, holds a special place in many of our hearts, let us not forget the broader canvas upon which love paints its masterpiece. February, you see, is a month not just for romantic love, but for love in all its glorious guises.

It is a month to celebrate the love that binds families, the unwavering loyalty and quiet devotion that flows between parents and children, siblings, and spouses. It is a time to cherish the deep friendships that enrich our lives, the laughter shared, the tears dried, the secrets whispered, and dreams supported. It is a season to extend a hand to our neighbours, the lonely and forgotten, offering them a cup of tea, a friendly smile, a simple act of kindness that speaks volumes of love.

Love, you see, transcends the confines of romantic relationships. It is a universal language, a force that bridges gaps and builds bridges, a light that shines brightest in the darkest corners. It is the thread that binds us together, the mortar that makes communities strong, the fuel that ignites acts of compassion and inspires selfless service.

So, this February, as hearts flutter and cupids aim their arrows, let us remember that love's story unfolds far beyond the pages of a greeting card. Let us seek out the faces of love in our everyday lives - in the smile of a child, the helping hand of a neighbour, the unwavering support of a friend. Let us celebrate the love that whispers in quiet moments, that speaks in actions louder than words, that binds us to one another with invisible threads of care and connection.

Perhaps this Valentine's Day, instead of chocolates, we gift acts of kindness. Perhaps instead of cards, we write letters of appreciation to those who hold a special place in our hearts. Perhaps instead of grand gestures, we offer small tokens of love that speak volumes — a listening ear, a helping hand, a shoulder to lean on.

In doing so, we paint a richer, more meaningful picture of love – a love that is inclusive, unconditional, and ever-present. We create a community where love is not just a fleeting February fancy, but a vibrant tapestry woven into the fabric of our daily lives.

So, dear friends, let us embrace February as a month to celebrate love in all its forms. Let us open our hearts, extend our hands, and write our own stories of love that leave a lasting mark on the world, long after the last heart-shaped balloon has deflated.

With love and blessings

Mark

The Revd Mark Woodrow (Rector)

ALL SAINTS CHURCH

February Services

Sunday 11 February 2024 Communion at 9.00a.m.

Sunday 25 February 2024 Evensong at 4.00p.m.

Followed by refreshments.





Allotment Field Update What's happening on the allotment

The allotment field remains very wet and the soil is also very cold, so it's not brilliant for anyone with bare root trees to plant – better to wait for a stretch of better weather. However, this month is ideal for pruning your soft fruit and finishing your apple and pear tree pruning.

I was delighted the other day to harvest cavolo nero, leeks, potatoes, swede and parsnip! And my garlic is sprouting!

Pruning demonstration

About a dozen people gathered to learn more about pruning apples and pears. Aurelie Fer, who works for Greener Growth who helped us with the first half of the community orchard, told us that the aim of pruning is to create a open centre to the tree. More light ripens shoots and fruit, and improved air movement discourages diseases. We want to avoid branches crossing the centre of the tree or crossing each other and we want to encourage laterals rather than branches going straight up the middle. Cuts need to be clean and secateurs need to be sharp.



Aurelie was enthusiastic and knowledgeable and those attending had quite a lot of fun doing pruning by 'committee agreement'! We managed to prune all the identified apples and pears. We will do the next round of pruning (cherries, plums, gages) in July.

Our Second Wassailing Celebration

Sunday 11th February at 4pm

Please meet at the main entrance to the allotment field for the procession down to the orchard, which will be led by our Wassailing King and Queen. Traditionally this procession makes as much noise as possible to frighten off any evil demons who may be lurking in the branches. Last year there were nearly 100 people there and there was a lot of noise!

Later, the Wassail Queen will place pieces of Wassail bread in the tree branches as a gift to the tree spirits in the hope of a good harvest.

We are delighted that a number of our local musicians will be joining us to provide additional entertainment.

As last year, there will be hot dogs available for nominal cost. But this year, you also get to sample (for free!) the cider made from the local apples that were pressed at the community Apple Day in October. And with any luck, we will get to enjoy a beautiful sunset again.

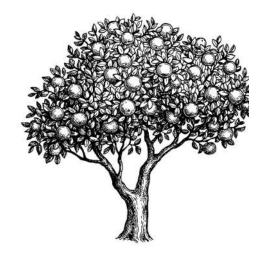
Everyone welcome – please invite your friends.

Please bring:

- Cash (for hot dog and donations)
- Torch (for getting home safely)
- Sensible footwear (the field is very wet)
- Whistles, drums, pots and pans (whatever can make a lot of noise!)

Volunteers

This event is a lot of work for the small HATA team, so if anyone can come and help us set up at 2.30 on the day or can help us take everything down afterwards, we'd be very grateful



Faces of Hundon Gill and Bob Shepstone

A brief conversation with Gill and Bob Shepstone, who together ran the Hundon Herald for 22 years...

You've lived in Hundon since 1990. Has the village changed a lot since you moved here?

Bob: It's certainly got a bit bigger. I think probably the biggest change I've noticed is the lack of public transport, because there used to be far more regular buses, when we first moved

Gill: Yes, but probably the biggest change was when the village shop closed down in 1995. Overnight. So at that point we were left without a shop, and there wasn't anything until they got the committee together and funded the community shop. That's probably the biggest change, and there used to be the garage around the corner, obviously, which was demolished and those houses were built, but I don't think there have been big developments ... It's always been a fairly active community. People have said it's one of the more active villages around, there are quite a few clubs and organisations that use the village hall...

B: and it's been developed a bit more since we moved here. There was no astroturf or tennis courts when we moved here. Certainly the shop was a millennium shop with a lot of funding from outside ... Weather permitting, I cycle every day ... From a cyclist's point of view, the roads are not good, and certainly not at the moment.

G: The lack of care by the council of the gutters and drains. That's dramatically changed. You've got shrubs and gardens growing in gutters now because they're just not cleared. It was not like that when we first came here, but hey ho...

So Gill, what led you to become the editor of the Hundon Herald?

G: Well, James (my son) was actually reading it. He was 15, 16 at this time, and he said to me "Mum, they want someone to take over the Herald ... We could do that. You could do the typing and I could do the layout." He was much more computer savvy than I was. So, I put my name forward, and I was the only one, and we took it over! I did the typing, he did the layout, I didn't have anything to do with putting it together. In those days you got more hand written submissions. Not so much now, you get more email, but then you'd get handwritten submissions. And when we took it over there were just two adverts. There was the Plough and a septic tank emptying company...



B: and the Rose and Crown

G: oh and the Rose and Crown, that's right. When I first took it over, it was printed by a company over Castle Hedingham way. In those days it was on a disc, and you had to take the disc to the printers ... Later, we also had to put it together, so it would come printed (by another volunteer) in all the separate double pages, and we would have to collate it and fold it up ready to take out ... After that, Paul McGerty set up Red Side Up and got in touch with us and suggested they could take over the printing, and they've been printing it ever since. Of course, the other bit that goes with that story is that James went off to University, *argh* and I had a very steep learning curve. In fact I did a course in Haverhill, and during that course learned how to use Publisher, so that was a big help. So he went off and I had to get to grips with it, and eventually, did manage to, hopefully!

B: and it's been very successful. When you took it over how many pages did it have?

G: oh about 6 pages at the most.

B: Typically it's 20 or 24 pages now.

G: We had a couple of colour issues, the Diamond Jubilee was one of them, and they got extra funding from the council for that, as it's quite expensive to have colour.

Were there times when you found it difficult?

G: The worse times were sometimes when you're trying to get it finished on the deadline and things would come in at the last minute, and you've got to think "can I fit this in? can I jiggle things about?" I don't want to increase the size, cos if you've got just enough for 20 pages and you get a

large-ish article and you've got to increase it to 24, and then you've got perhaps to find some bits to fill in...

The one time I was really worried was when I was in hospital. Fortunately it was very convenient for the Herald cos I got taken into hospital on the 3rd September that year, and of course I'd just done the September Herald, it had just gone out, and I was in hospital for 2 weeks, and it meant I came out of hospital about 4 days before the notice of the deadline for the next one. I managed to do it. I wasn't well, but I certainly felt a lot better when I came home than when I went in, but I was in hospital thinking "What am I going to do? am I going to be able to do the Herald?" and I know that's not what I should have been worrying about, but...

The only other time we didn't do it was when we were travelling, and we went to America and I did a double issue, because obviously it's voluntary, so if you can't do it, you can't do it. But I think that's about the only time... obviously during Covid here were 2 months that we didn't produce an issue, but no clubs were meeting, so we didn't have any articles to include.

B: One of the nice things about the village is how many people express their appreciation that there's someone doing the Hundon Herald, and getting it delivered it to your door every month, free of charge. There's 13 deliverers. So that's good.

G: We know not everyone reads it, but I think perhaps the older generation appreciate it more.

What's next?

G: Well, we've got the house on the market. We're hoping to move closer to our family, or part of it. We hope to move to Halifax ... and I shall have to find something else to keep my mind occupied.

Start a new magazine up there?!

G: *laughs* No! I don't think so! Apparently it's a good idea to learn something. I was reading an article by a Neurologist, he's 82, and he was giving hints as to what you could do to avoid dementia, and one of them was to regularly learn something new. Go for a walk every day, get some exercise every day, stop drinking alcohol after 65 (not a problem for me, I can't with the medication I'm on), avoid ultra-processed food, eat a sensible, well balanced, fruit and veg diet, and do puzzles. Just keep the brain active. I do say "Use it, don't lose it!"

B: You can help me do my jigsaw puzzles. I was given 6 jigsaw puzzles for Christmas. I love doing them.

And finally...

G: We'd like to thank the village for all the support over the years. It's been lovely being here.

B: The village, contributors, the deliverers, they've been great, and Red Side Up are terrific...

By this point we could no longer ignore the antics of the Corvids in the garden. At least three of them were working together, tilting the feeder at an angle to pour the seed on the ground below where they could devour it with ease...



I hope you've enjoyed reading the first of our Faces of Hundon series. Tune in again next month to see who's next - and in the meantime, please send in your suggestions for Faces you'd like to see celebrated here.

Email: HundonHerald@post.com

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I would like to take this moment to add an extra THANK YOU to Gill and Bob Shepstone for all the hard work they put into running the Hundon Herald, and keeping it going for all these years. Over two decades! An incredible achievement.

I'd also like to extend extra thanks to all the volunteers who freely give their time and energy to deliver the Hundon Herald to your doors. I'm sure we'll be meeting some of them on these pages soon!

This is very much a community-run paper, and I'd like to reflect that within these pages - so please, bring us your stories and suggestions, requests and comments. We want to hear from you, and we want to read about you!

This is YOUR village, and YOUR paper.
- Gillie, Editor.

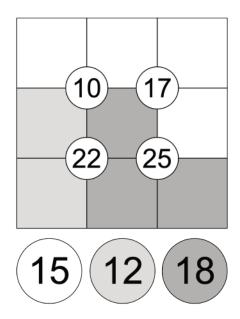
Kobayaashi's

Puzzle Page!



Turn to page 13 for the solutions...

"Place the numbers 1-9 in the spaces, so that the number in each circle is equal to the sum of the four surrounding spaces, and the totals for each coloured area are correct."





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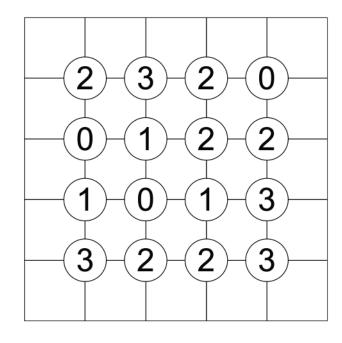
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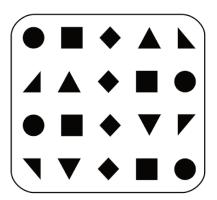
"Which person scribbled a picture of a sheep on my toilet?"

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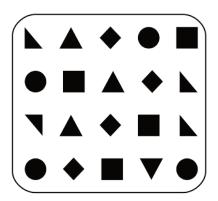


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- except for ten little differences...



Flipped Horizontally

PANCAKE DAY Shrove Tuesday is February 13th



Try this recipe for SUPER FLUFFY PANCAKES

- 150g self-raising flour
- 2 tsp sugar
- 1 tsp vanilla extract
- Pinch of salt
- 250ml oat milk
- 1 tbsp olive oil

Plus more oil for frying. If you don't have self-raising flour, you can use plain flour and add 2 tsp of baking powder.

Combine all the ingredients in a bowl or jug, and whisk to a smooth batter. Be careful not to over mix - as this will make the pancakes too dense. Let the batter rest for 5 minutes.

Heat a little oil in a non-stick frying pan, over a medium heat. Pour or spoon some batter into the pan, spread out, and cook for a few minutes until the edges are set and bubbles are appearing on the surface. Flip, and cook on the other side until both sides are golden brown.

If you are cooking a batch, you can keep them warm in the oven until ready to serve.

Serve with toppings of your choice. You can't really go wrong with a classic Lemon and Sugar, or if you're feeling a little decadent add some ice cream and syrup.

You can spice your pancake batter up with a little ground cinnamon or ginger, or throw in some fresh blueberries, or dip some apple slices in the pancake batter and fry them up as you would a pancake - delicious! If you want to dip apple slices, reduce the quantity of milk slightly to make a thicker batter.

Did you enjoy this recipe? We'd love to try one of your favourite recipes - send them in to the Editor, (contact info on page 2) and let's get baking / cooking, sharing, and feasting!

Hundon Gardening Club



February Meeting Thursday 15th • 7.30pm at the Village Hall



If you are new to the village or have been thinking about joining our club please come along for a FREE Taster session!

Gardens of East Anglia Simon White



Simon is a Garden Centre Sales Manager at Peter Beales Roses, also vice president of the Norfolk and Norwich Horticultural Society. We met Simon in July 2023 for a tour, talk, demonstration, tea and cake. He proved to be a very enthusiastic and experienced rosarian so we decided to invite him to impart more of his knowledge. He is coming back again at the end of the year to demonstrate making a holly wreath.

Simon will be introducing us to 27 gardens across East Anglia that he thinks are worth a visit, the gardens are in Norfolk, Suffolk, Essex and Cambridgeshire.

Evening will include refreshments, raffle extra.

Membership = £10 per year. Meetings £2.50 members £4.00 visitors each including refreshments. Raffle extra.

SEEKING INFORMATION



"I am wondering if anyone has information about Hugh Barrett. He was the Farm Manager at Appleacre Farm during the Second World War. Also Vic Savage or his family. He was the farmer. I believe Adrian Bell apprenticed too."

If anyone has any information, please contact Peter Darlington, via the editor : HundonHerald@post.com



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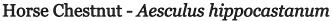
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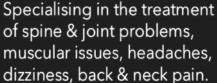
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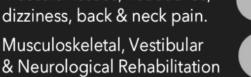


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We are looking for any willing members of the Hundon community to assist in the running and development of the Village Hall.

Anyone able to provide some time and energy to assist the committee, would be greatly appreciated.

We currently have four committee members and a booking clerk.

We are looking for anyone who can bring any form of speciality so that, going forwar, we are able to utilise the Hall to its full potential.

We are particularly hoping for people with experience and expertise in event management and organisation, IT skills, and also experience in sourcing grant funding and the application process.

This will be a supporting role to the existing committee, a sharing of knowledge and experience on a short-term basis.

Please contact us: villagehall@hundon.org if you think you can help.

VILLAGE HALL SEEKING NEW CLUBS AND GROUPS

To encourage and help anyone thinking of launching a new club or group at the Hundon Village Hall, the committee is looking to provide a favourable period on rent charges.

This will hopefully help new organisations become established and provide further groups of interest to the community.

We are fortunate to have a great facility in the village. Activities requiring space can be hosted in the main spacious hall and more seated social groups can utilise the Annex area. All having access to a fully equipped kitchen.

Could any interested parties please contact us in the first instance, through the e- mail provided to discuss terms and availability.

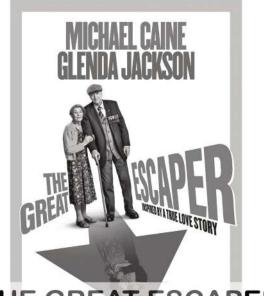
Any new clubs and groups would be warmly welcomed and supported.

CONTACT: villagehall@hundon.org

Turn to the Back Page for the Hundon Village Events Calendar

All details correct at time of going to press.





THE GREAT ESCAPER

Starring Michael Caine and Glenda Jackson.
Friday 16th February
LICENSED BAR

Doors open 7.00pm -Entry £3.50 on the door -ALLWELCOME

HUNDON SOCIAL CLUB

All the 2024 Live Six Nation Rugby Cup Games will be shown on our <u>New Large Screen TV</u>

Friday 2nd February - Open 7.00-11pm France v Ireland 8.00pm

Saturday 3rd February - Open 1.30-7.30pm Italy v England 2.15pm Wales v Scotland 4.45pm

Saturday 10th February – Open 1.30-7.30pm Scotland v France 2.15pm England v Wales 4.45pm

Sunday 11th February – Open 12.00-5.30pm **Italy v Wales 3.00pm**

Saturday 24th February – Open 1.30-7.30pm Ireland v Wales 2.15pm Scotland v England 4.45pm

Sunday 25th **February** – Open 12.00-5.30pm **France v Italy 3.00pm**

Social Club 2024 : Membership £5 Non Members / Guests £1 on each occasion

HUNDON SOCIAL CLUB



Saturday 17th February

Doors open 7pm - Eyes down 8pm
A chance to win up to £100
Raffle and bar

Hundon Allotment Field



Interested in taking up an allotment and joining our social community?

You could create a few raised beds or planters to grow your own food or flowers or a grass area with some seating from which you can relax and enjoy the view; and watch the owls and bats flying around in the evening – whilst enjoying a drink or two with friends and neighbours.

There is also an opportunity to take on a raised bed or two on the community allotment if this suits you better.

For further details please email liz.hickes@hotmail.com or telephone 01440 786321

DON'T LEAVE IT ON THE GROUND, YOU KNOW IT'S A SIN, PLEASE LEAVE YOUR DOGGY'S DOO-DOO IN THE DOGGY-DO BIN!



Hundon WI

The WI Ladies kicked 2024 off with a fish and chip supper, which for some no doubt was a welcomed change from the endless turkey that had been consumed over Christmas. Hopefully no one's new year's resolution was to diet. If it was, they fell at the first hurdle!!

The plan after supper was to sit back and relax, as well as you could without a comfy armchair, and watch a film on the big screen. Alas, due to technical issues this was not to be.

So, with time on our hands, we improvised. NO, we didn't play charades, although that might have been fun!! We chatted. It seems there was a lot to catch up on.

For our next meeting, on 8th February, a member of the Stour River Trust will be joining us to talk about Clean Rivers and the current plan to gain Designated Bathing Water status between the Granary Cut in Sudbury and the Great Cornard Lock.

If this is something of interest to you then please come along as a guest and find out more.

WI Contact Jan McLardy: 0140 786368.

Tricia Ager - Programme & Media

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On behalf of the **Haverhill & District Twin Town Association** we would like to wish you and your families a very Happy New Year.

We warmly welcome you to any of the functions this coming year and do bring your friends!

A reminder that we have a Cheese and Wine event on **Monday 19th February** at Hundon Village Hall. This will follow the Annual General Meeting which is at 7pm. This is a great opportunity to mingle with HTTA members and get to know more about the association exchanges we do with our two twin towns (Pont St Esprit in France, and Ehringshausen in Germany).

You do not need to be a member to come to this event and it is free of charge, open to all who live in Haverhill and the surrounding villages.

Although it is free, please book a place by contacting the committee on the email address below, so that we can cater for numbers. We hope to see you there!

A small group of HTTA members are off to Ehringshausen (Wednesday 29th May to Sunday 2nd June), it's not too late for you to join us. If you would like more information about this, contact the email address below and/or come to the cheese and wine evening to talk to us in person!

Our calendar of events are always good fun, very popular and attended by many people from Haverhill and surrounding villages. The committee will share the draft calendar of events at the event on the 19th February.

and finally

If you know anyone who is interested in any of the above, please feel free to share.

If you are not a member and wish to join or you are interested in attending any of the events, please feel free to email the Association: twintownhaverhill@gmail.com

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Hundon Gardening Club Newsletter February 2024



Our **AGM and Social on Thursday 18th January** saw a good turnout despite the dark and very cold evening, thank you for those who braved the conditions. Business over fairly quickly saw the present committee of 6 standing again. Once subscriptions were renewed it was the first view of the programme for his year and a look at the show schedule. This year we will see 11 speaker meetings, the first one being a freebie tester in February, 7 visits our to various places, and a Spring Show.



This year we have a Big Speaker Meeting on Saturday 5th October, we will be welcoming **Christine Walkden** talking about The Life and Times of a Gardener. "This talk tells of the thrills and spills of life as a gardener and broadcaster. It is entertaining and inspirational, often making people laugh and cry" Tickets are £15 per head including refreshments. Tickets will be available soon.

Thursday February 16th We will be having a talk by Simon White, Garden Centre Sales Manager of Peter Beales Roses, also vice president of the Norfolk and Norwich Horticultural Society. His talk is 'Gardens of East Anglia'. To encourage new members we invite anyone interested to come along for a free taster meeting and maybe become a member. We meet at 7.30 in the village hall. Refreshments free, raffle extra. See separate article.

Thursday March 21st A return visit from Geoff Hodge who will talk on 'Grow your Own'. 7.30 pm at the Village Hall, refreshments free, raffle extra. Members £2.50, visitors £4.

Save the date:

30th Annual Gardening Club Show Sunday 24th March 2024

The theme for 2024 will be celebrating Spring and Easter.

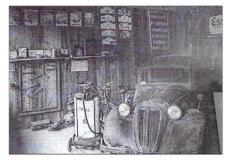
We hope you will find something of interest to enter into the show, our first Spring Show. Show Schedules are now available in the Village Shop, and at the Community Cafe on Thursday afternoons.

Thursday 18th April - Following the hard work of the show we will be welcoming back Chris Burford for an evening of Food and Wine Matching. Tickets will be on sale nearer the time.

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Applications

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To be considered for a grant, you must:

Be under the age of 25 or making an application in respect of a person under 25.

Reside within the Parish of Hundon.

Please apply by email giving the following information:

- Name and address of student.
- Age of student.
- Your sort code and account number and the exact account name.
- Details of your application.

Due to restricted funds the trustees cannot normally make grants for routine traveling expenses.

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beaufordlodge@hotmail.com by 3 March 2024 and will be acknowledged and dealt with in the strictest confidence. Letters, if essential, can be sent to Beauford Lodge, Mill Road, Hundon.

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Hundon Wine Club

The Club celebrates its tenth anniversary this year and our February meeting promises to be rather special.

Our founder, Chris Burford, stepped down as Chairman at the end of December after steering the club for the last ten years. At this month's meeting he's going to revisit the wines that he chose for the very first meeting back in 2014 and bring some of his delicious food to accompany them.

After a disastrous first meeting in the Village Hall when no-one turned up, the early meetings were held round various kitchen tables in Hundon. The Club today bears no resemblance to those early days – at the time of writing we have 35 members and meetings usually attract 25-30 members and guests each month.

We hold twelve meetings annually including a Christmas Dinner and support many of our local wine merchants who present their wines at meetings throughout the year. Members have a go at presenting wines too and we also have a purely social meeting once a year. One of Summer meetings is held up at the Broxted Estate and always provides an idyllic setting for us – weather permitting.

In addition to our regular meetings, a special dinner was held at a Cambridge college for the first time last year. This will be repeated this year together with a new Summer lunch to be held in Assington Green.

The Club also ventures outside the UK and in the last eighteen months wine-tasting trips have been organised to Rüdesheim in Germany and Porto/The Douro Valley in Portugal.

Nearer home, the Club is developing an increasingly close relationship with our local vineyard - Coopers Croft Vineyard in Wickhambrook. We have provided the majority of the volunteers at their last two years' harvests and have helped to pick an amazing six tonnes of grapes. A new vine leasing arrangement this year should see individual Club members leasing nearly fifty Cooper Croft vines. They'll not only enjoy the wine produced but also have the chance of learning how the vines are managed during the year. This includes getting involved hands-on – the first job being pruning them in January.

Our regular meetings are usually held in the Village Hall at 8pm on the last Thursday of the month - **29**th **February this month**. Meetings cost £15/ head and membership is £10 pa. New members are always welcome and there's no obligation to join for your first three meetings.

If you'd like to know more about the Club or would like to attend on 29th February, please let me know.

Andy Turner Secretary & Treasurer 07802 175144 andy.turner1@btinternet.com



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Tuesday 13th February is Shrove Tuesday (Pancake Day). If you like to make your pancakes from scratch, then the shop has all that you need. Fresh Free-Range Eggs from the Kedington Butchers, Flour and Milk and of course the all important Lemon Juice.

The following Day, Wednesday the 14th February, is not only the start of Lent but is also Valentines Day and again we have your needs covered. We have a huge selection of cards for every occasion including Valentines. Boxes of chocolates for that Valentines gift and a great selection of wines, red, white and Rose as well as Prosecco if you like a bit of fizz.

It won't be too long now before the trees and hedgerows start to bud and blossom and we can start to think of warmer and longer days. It also means that for hay fever sufferers the tree pollen season is not too far away! Apparently, a good natural remedy to help ease the effects of pollen is to eat honey local to the area that we live in. A new batch of Hundon Honey was delivered to the shop recently so it's a good time to get a jar into the food cupboard and regardless of the hay fever aspect, its delicious!

A reminder that with so many local bank branches closing and with fewer and fewer cash machines available your Post Office can deal with most of your banking needs with no need to make a trip to town.



Stewart Alderman

Chairman -Hundon Village Shop Committee



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CLARE LIAISON & SUPPORT PROJECT

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CLASP was founded in Clare in 1984 to serve those in Clare and the surrounding villages who might be in need of help and support, as well as being involved in a number of worthwhile local activities.

SENIOR CITIZENS CENTRE

Every Wednesday from 10.30 to 3.00pm. in the Clare Old School Community Centre. Morning coffee, a three course lunch, and afternoon tea are provided for a small charge for as many as 30 clients, who can participate in table games and other activities. The **CLASP minibus** service picks up clients with transport problems from Clare and some nearby villages. *Contact Sue Packer on 07561 115158*.

CAR AID

A pool of about 20 volunteer drivers take "clients" needing transport from their homes in the Clare area to hospitals, doctors, dentists or other medical practices. *This is free of charge*, but many clients make voluntary contributions to petrol costs. *Contact John Webb on 07724 698283*.

The CLASP MINIBUS

The CLASP minibus, operated by qualified volunteer drivers, is available for hire at very modest rates for use by local organisations. It also collects "clients " from Clare to take shopping to **Supermarkets in Haverhill**, generally on a Tuesday, for which a small charge is made. *Contact 07561 115158*.

FUND-RAISING EVENTS

Fund-raising events are also organised by **CLASP**, principally Table Sales in the Clare Town Hall seven to eight times per year, not only to help fund the activities mentioned above, but also to make donations to other local worthwhile causes, such as recently committing to the part funding of a defibrillator for use in Clare.

2024 TABLE SALES

CLARE TOWN HALL 9:30am to 1:00pm on the following Saturdays:

February 24th
April 6th
May 18th*
June 22nd
July 20th*
August 17th*
October 19th*
November 16th*

* dates coincide with Clare Market.

For information and table bookings

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email: fundraising@clasp-clare.co.uk

Table £9 (+Tombola Prize Donation)
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Refreshments and Tombola in Aid of CLASP.

CLASP is totally managed and run by **VOLUNTEERS** and is always delighted to welcome new people to assist with its activities.

Despite having existed in Clare for many years it is surprising how many residents of Clare and the surrounding area seem to be unaware of the services **CLASP** provides, and it is hoped that viewing this article will encourage local residents to take advantage of and/or assist with **CLASP**'s charitable work.

For more information please visit the CLASP website: https://clasp-clare.co.uk/



Clare Liaison and Support Project – Christmas lunch

CLASP is an amazing organisation made up of amazing people. They host a three course Wednesday lunch for the elderly, many of whom are on their own, often going to peoples homes to pick them up and drop them off in the CLASP minibus. Have a look at what CLASP offer and get involved. It's worth it.

They also host weekly shopping trips to Sainsbury's or Aldi, coupled with a coffee at a garden centre on the way home and provide Caraid to help transport folk to and from medical appointments. This is all self funded through fund raising events and small donations if folk can afford it.

A nicer bunch of helpers, who are all volunteers, you would struggle to find. The community spirit is second to none. When mum moved up from Cornwall last year CLASP made her so welcome and introduced her to so many new friends.

Mum is now fully embedded in this brilliant organisation. So much so she volunteered (possibly!!!) to help another attendee raise a collection for all the helpers to say thank you. Mum then roped me in to help her buy the presents and to present them today. I confess I had to say less than I planned because I was choked up with emotion reflecting on how wonderful CLASP has been helping mum get over dad passing and her relocation to Clare from Cornwall.

We all had a lovely Christmas dinner, all freshly cooked, and were treated to Nigel on the organ so we could sing Christmas carols. A really lovely time.

- Councillor Nick Clarke

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HUNDON PARISH COUNCIL

<u>Full Minutes will be available on the Hundon Parish Council Website</u>

Hundon Parish Council met on Wednesday 17th January 2024 at 7:30 pm, Social Club, Village Hall, Hundon

Village Matters

Please remember members of the public can report any highways issues via the reporting tool at Suffolk County Council, if you can provide photos of the concerns and the exact location of the issue to support the submission.

https://www.suffolk.gov.uk/roads-and-transport/roads-and-pavements-and-verges/report-a-highways-issue/

Emergency Plan – The Parish Council continue to move forward the updated Emergency Plan. If you feel that you have something to offer or are able to volunteer if there was an emergency situation, please contact the clerk at clerk.hundonpc@outlook.com.

Flooding in the village – The Parish Council have collated all the information following the meeting held in December and pass this to the flooding team. There will be a Section 19 investigation carried out by Suffolk County Council Highways, but there is currently no information on when this will start.

Ditch Clearance – The Parish Council is looking to have a working party for clearing the ditches around the village. If you are interested in joining, please email the clerk. Those that have expressed an interest in supporting this, the Clerk will contact you shortly.

Football Club Changing Rooms – The Parish Council continues to work with the Football Club to deliver new changing rooms on the football field. Work will continue throughout 2024.

Budget/Precept – The budget for 2024/2025 was agreed and will be available to view on the website. The precept will increase by 7.89% and reflects the increase costs of hedge and verge cutting, an additional speed monitor and continued support for other groups and organisations in the village.

Grant Applications – If you are a group or organisation that would benefit from a Grant from the Parish Council, please see the Grants section on the Parish Council Website.

Planning Applications

These can be viewed via West Suffolk Council. A full list of applications received will be published on the Hundon Parish Council website.

Pending Applications
None

Application Decisions
None

<u>Update from Suffolk County Council</u> Adult and Children's Services / Suffolk County Council Budget.

In the next two years, Suffolk County Council needs to pump almost £74 million extra into protecting the county's most vulnerable residents.

- £74 million extra needed to protect most vulnerable over two years
- £64.7 million savings to be made over two years
- Council set to reduce workforce, services and use savings

Update from West Suffolk Council Locality Funding

The local Councillors would like to remind the village that Locality Funding is available for projects or groups around the village. The minimum amount to be applied for is £100, with the maximum being £500. If you are interested in applying for a Locality Budget Grant, please contact the Clerk for details.

Homelessness and investing in temporary accommodation

Over this past year, West Suffolk Council (WSC) have invested more than £1.2 million both to improve their existing temporary accommodation as well as to increase the amount that can be accessed. It means a better quality of accommodation for the people who we are looking after during an extremely challenging time in their lives. And it also means that we can accommodate more people.

Minutes can be viewed on the Parish Council Website.

Next Meeting 21st February 2024 at 7:30pm, Hundon Social Club

- Amanda Parrett, Hundon Parish Clerk
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New Hundon Village Website!

The Parish Council and Village Hall Committee have developed a new Website with generous funding from the Broxted Solar Community Fund.

The Website has information about the village and its history, current facilities, clubs and other organisations, and upcoming events. It also has the Village Hall Calendar showing dates for the various clubs and groups that we host, and available dates for new bookings.

More information will be added and any ideas or contributions are very welcome.

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HUNDON VILLAGE EVENTS CALENDAR FEBRUARY 2024

Unless otherwise stated, events listed here take place in the Village Hall.

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