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August 2019

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The Councillors of your new Hundon Parish Council are:

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Phil Impey - Vice Chairman
Richard Langridge
Gary McLeod
Ann McGregor
Geoff Spooner

Due to some apparent confusion within the previous Parish Council about the election process, only three of the previous Councillors, plus three aspirant Councillors, making a total of six people, put in their nomination papers for the seven available places on the Parish Council. This meant that on May 2nd the Returning Officer for West Suffolk declared the Election of Parish Councillors for Hundon as Uncontested. We later received two applications to fill the seventh seat on the Council and we are delighted that Jean Thomas has agreed to join us.

At the Annual Parish Meeting, prior to the new Councillors taking office, the Chairman, Parish Clerk and several other Councillors unexpectedly resigned and left the Meeting. The subsequent handover to the new Parish Council is proving somewhat problematic, and, due to a number of unforeseen circumstances, is taking longer than anticipated.

Please be patient with us. We are doing our best to get matters sorted and to then serve the Community as you would want and expect.

Meanwhile, if you have any concerns which you think concerns the Parish Council, please do not hesitate to approach any of the above Councillors. We may not have an immediate answer but you will be listened to with courtesy and respect and an answer given as soon as is possible.

The Hundon Parish Council

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Ann McGregor

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HUNDON WI

We have had a busy June and July with three events. In June we had a guided tour of the Cathedral in Bury on a very wet afternoon which, being in such a beautiful place, we all enjoyed.

At the beginning of July, we had our garden party on a very, very hot summer day with a long, lazy old fashioned afternoon tea and a table sale for ACWW. It was good to have Val Simpson, the ACWW champion, there to tell us a bit more about the organisation and its projects.

Lastly we had our usual July meeting which entailed 'spotting the tune' with Sally Walrond - and the composer, type of bird a song referred to etc. We did indulge in a bit of singing when we got to the answer session.

In between two members went to Bournemouth, two to London and three to the committee training session. Busy but fun.

Our meeting on Thursday 8th August -

Judith Muncinia talking about 'The lighter side of Life' through poetry and short stories.

Hundon Village Hall at 7.30 pm.

Visitors are welcome.
Fee £3.50

Jan McLardy

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The role requires you to take the minutes at the monthly Management Meetings, Quarterly General Committee meetings and Annual General Committee Meeting. Although you will not have voting rights (these are for the registered Trustees only) you will be involved in the discussions during the meetings.

This is an important role and you will need to work closely with the Chairman, Treasurer and Booking Clerk.

If you are interested in discussing further or require more details, please contact our Treasurer, Melody Gosling on 01440 787828.

UPDATE HUNDON VILLAGE HALL 200 CLUB

To update you on the progress of reviving the 200 Club.

We have received a few phone calls and have put the names on the list. You will find a list in the Village Shop and also on a Thursday afternoon in the Community Cafe at the Village Hall.

We will give it another month to see if the response is enough to revive it so if you would like to join please let us know.

Melody Gosling on: melody@dambresi.com or landline 01440 787828 or mobile 07305644868

Janet Burrows on: jburrows60@hotmail.co.uk or landline: 01440 786554 or mobile: 07881981096

HUNDON OPEN GARDENS AND CRAFT FAIR SUNDAY 23RD JUNE

There were 17 lovely gardens open and 14 fantastic craft stalls in the village hall enjoyed by many visitors during the day. Two minibuses were kept busy taking visitors to all the outlying gardens so they could see as many as possible. Savoury refreshments were served in the village hall and tea and cakes in the church and some gardens.

The sum of £728 each was gratefully received at the Community Cafe by representatives from East Anglian Air Ambulance and My Wish from West Suffolk Hospital.

Many thanks again to all the garden owners, craftspeople, minibus drivers, volunteers and Hundon Plough for donating a raffle prize of a steak meal for two won by Bob Mallion.

Julie Starling



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BROXTED SOLAR COMMUNITY FUND FOR HUNDON

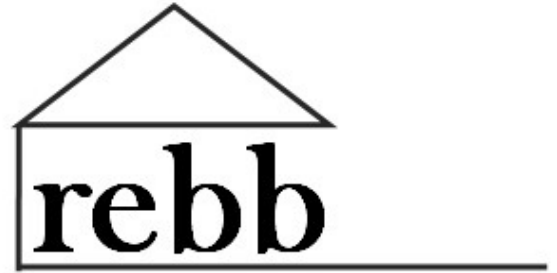
Visit by executives from "Cubico", the owners of Broxted Solar on
Thursday, July 18th 2019

It is 5 years since the Broxted Solar Community Fund (the Fund) was established and many organisations in Hundon have subsequently received substantial Awards (a minimum of £1,000) which has enabled them to provide benefits for the Community. Charles Ryder of Navigator Land whose family own the land, was able in 2011/2012 to repurchase the airfield (over 500 acres) which had been requisitioned for Stradishall airfield before the Second World War. Charles was convinced that renewable energy was the way forward and so Broxted Solar was constructed on 150 acres of land making it one of the largest in the UK. However unlike many such schemes because it is sited on a plateau it is barely visible; only if you look in a North-Easterly direction after turning right towards the village at Hundon Hall can you see a few of the panels. The Fund was initiated by Charles Ryder of Navigator Land together with Cubico who own Broxted Solar as a gesture of appreciation for the help received in supporting the scheme. Cubico, a world-wide company operating many similar renewable energy schemes, finance the Fund which will continue to provide benefits over the initial 25 year life of the Solar Farm..

The visit was arranged to enable Steve Packwood and Valerio Scupola, senior executives of "Cubico" to see how the money granted benefitted the Community. They were particularly keen to go to the Primary School which automatically receives an annual Award of £1,500, as well as having the opportunity to apply for funding for particular needs. Headteacher Sharon Fitzgerald provided a most comprehensive and informative tour of the School and explained how the award given this year would go towards an outdoor "classroom" where specially trained staff can provide emotional support in an age where the young face increasing pressures not least through social media. In visiting classrooms it was apparent that pupils were highly motivated and working enthusiastically!

Afterwards the party went to the Shop and Post Office and where they learnt how much these important services rely on the many volunteers who give their time to make sure that such vital lifelines are not lost as happens in so many Communities. Next a brief visit to the Village Hall where they were impressed to learn of the plans for a cinema-quality projection system before a flying visit to the Cricket Pavilion where Nick Clarke explained how Awards made had resulted in the facility being used by other groups in the village including the School. Then it was up to "The Plough" where representatives of the various organisations who had received awards over the years had gathered. Steve and Valerio enjoyed a pleasant half-hour chatting and hearing about how the Awards which, amongst other things, had helped to pay for much-needed repairs to the Church organ and renovating /adding missing names to the War Memorial before relocating it to a more prominent position in the village. David Rowlinson then thanked them both for taking the time to come to Hundon and see for themselves what a difference Cubico's generosity had made and how he hoped that they had found it interesting. Steve replied by saying how much they had enjoyed coming to the village and meeting such friendly people, saying that he found it quite humbling and thanked everyone for making them feel so welcome.

David Rowlinson




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BROXTED SOLAR COMMUNITY FUND FOR HUNDON

AWARDS GIVEN UP TO AND INCLUDING 2019

2014 - "One-off" payments, £2,000 to the Village Hall, £1,500 each to Shop Appeal & School		Total	£5,000
2015 - Primary School - purchase of 10 laptops for pupils' education	£3,400		
Community Sports Project	£3,000		
All Saints Church - Hire of toilet pending permanent facility	£2,100		
Primary School Annual award	£1,500		
			£10,000
2016			
Primary School - Improvements to IT facilities	£1,500		
Pre-School - Purchase of IT equipment	£1,000		
Village Hall - Proposed Outdoor Gym	£1,500		
Cricket Club - Towards refurbishment of pavilion	£2,000		
Fete/Festival - To assist in promoting this village event	£1,000		
All Saints Church - Towards cost of Public Address equipment	£1,500		
Primary School Annual award	£1,500		
			£10,000
2017			
Primary School - Outside Play Area	£2,500		
Pre-School - IT Equipment	£1,000		
Cricket Club - Towards Mains electric to increase usage	£2,000		
Women's Institute - Improve facilities and guest speakers to attract members	£1,000		
Fete/Festival - Additional equipment to expand programme	£1,000		
Hundon Hedgehog Rescue - Additional equipment to increase capacity	£1,000		
Primary Annual Award School	£1,500		
			£10,000
2018			
Primary School - 5 iPads plus 40 Adult folding chairs and storage trolley	£2,300		
Pre-School - Equipment and publicity to attract more children	£1,000		
Cricket Club - New ground work equipment	£1,700		
Hundon War Memorial Refurbishment and addition of missing names	£2,000		
Community Cinema - Electronic Screen	£1,000		
Friends of Hundon Post Office - Special award to save this important service	£1,000		
Primary School Annual Award	£1,500		
			£10,500
2019			
Hundon Primary School - Contribution to Outdoor Classroom (c. 25%)	£3,500		
Hundon Pre-School - Additional equipment and some running costs	£1,000		
Hundon War Memorial - Contribution towards the cost of relocation	£1,500		
Community Cinema - Installation of Permanent AV equipment*	£1,000		
All Saints Church - Contribution towards the cost of repairs to the organ	£1,000		
Hundon Hedgehog Rescue - Capital and running costs	£1,000		
Primary School Annual Award	£1,500		
			£10,500
TOTAL AWARDED TO DATE			£56,000

HGC Monthly Blog 2019

July 2019

Sunday 7 – Garden visit to ‘Two Cottages’ at Chrishall. **One for the rose lovers.** 17 of us set off on a glorious Sunday afternoon and the glory carried on and on. A garden visit recommended by a member certainly impressed us all. Beautiful roses, shrubs, perennials everywhere. I think most of us could sit in the many seating areas all day but not fancy the work it must take to keep it up.

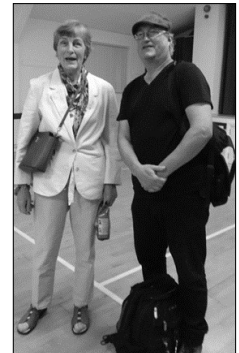


Sunday 14 - Following a talk on Neil Dickinson's life-long love of butterflies we joined a Butterfly walk at Bradfield Woods organised by the Suffolk Wildlife Trust. The walk was led by Fay Jones. 10 of us managed to get booked on the walk. We set out on a not too sunny afternoon



and the prospect of finding any butterflies wasn't looking good. As the afternoon progressed the sun came out and in the glades that Fay led us to revealed their insects and plenty of butterflies. We found the sweetest little orange Large Skippers, a Comma, looking like a tatty tortoiseshell, orange and brown, with a white 'comma' on its underwing, Silver Washed Fritillary, (pictured), Ringlets, Meadow Browns, Green Veined White, a White Admiral and a very battered Purple Hairstreak. It was a very respectable butterfly count for an afternoon that started very dull. We ended the very interesting afternoon with a well earned cup of tea and piece of cake at Bradfield Woods Centre.

Thursday 18 – David Smale – What a lovely evening listening to David in his quest to grow and market a very genuine product. In the Middle Ages, England was the world's biggest saffron producer, but as things happen it started to be grown more cheaply in other parts of the world, India and Iran to name two. David, a geophysicist by training, and soil his speciality, started on a very small scale, his patio! After many trials and tribulations he is winning. Not one to stand still he pursues improvements, hoping to extend the growing season among others. Picture showing David Smale and our own Clare Howard.



Sunday 21 –

Spud-in-a-bucket harvest and picnic took place on the HGC Grower's



Group Allotment on a 'just right afternoon', no need for a gazebo to keep off rain or beating down sun. 29 adults and 11 under 16's entered the competition. A good crowd of children and adults eager to find out the weight of their crop didn't have to wait too long. George Speller won the heaviest harvest with 1,216 grams and Ruben Peck won the heaviest individual spud with 132 grams. Both received a bug hotel. For the second year running both received the top prizes.

Chris Burford with a harvest of 1,514 grams won the adult prize of a £25 Garden voucher for outgrowing the rest of us. Phil Impey, chairman of the Rogeron Trust, presented the prizes. Well done George, Ruben and Chris.

The competition is on for next year!!!



Cont'd.....

August 2019

Sunday 11 August - East Ruston Old Vicarage Garden. Open 12.00 to 5.30pm. Entry - Adults £9.50. Children £1.00 (3-14 years).

September

HUNDON SHOW – SUNDAY 8TH SEPTEMBER 2019

You will find details of the photography classes elsewhere in the Hundon Herald.

Thursday 19 – Wheat’s influence on baking CAKES.

A return visit by Kim Osborn from Whitworths. Members £1, Visitors £2. Refreshments, Raffle and Sales Table.

We are supporting **Marie Curie** at this talk, the charity of Kim’s choice.



7.30 VH

October

Thursday 17 – Karen Kenny – ‘Friends and Foes in the Garden’. Refreshments, Raffle and Sales Table. Members £3, Visitors £4.

7.30 VH

~~**Saturday October 26 afternoon – All things Pumpkin with Chris Burford at the Village Hall**~~

This event has been cancelled

TBC October – 2nd Fungi Foray with Jonathan Revett in Brandon Country Park. £6 each, min of 10 people. Followed by refreshments in the Park Café.

November

Thursday 21 – Graeme Proctor – Fruit Tree Pruning – a practical talk/ demonstration for an apple tree. Raffle, Refreshments and Sales Table. £4 members £5 visitors 7.30 VH

December There will be no meeting

January 2020 Saturday 11 – Winter Meal and Magical Entertainment

February Thursday 20 - AGM with buffet

7.30 VH

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Sunday, 25th August 1.00 p.m. to 5.00 p.m.

Monday, 26th August 9.30 a.m. to 5.00 p.m.

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POLICE CONNECT

With Suffolk enjoying some warm summer weather, police are reminding people to consider their home and vehicle security to deter thieves.

Many burglaries take place due to a lack of security with insecure windows and doors being deemed as two of the main ways in which opportunist thieves gained access to homes and vehicles.

Detective Superintendent Marina Ericson said: "It will come as no surprise that the summer months are always popular for thieves and with warmer weather on the way, it is likely many of us will spend more time outdoors. Therefore, it's important that we all continue to take security seriously and lock up – even if you're in another area of the house or in the garden.

"Thieves are opportunist and operate quickly. Typically, they will look for the easy option by looking for gaps in security and are often not afraid to try door locks. If they see an easy way to enter a property and steal something valuable, sadly, they'll take it so I would urge people not to leave valuable items such as laptops, vehicle keys and jewellery in view of windows.

"It's important to point out that our solved rate for residential burglary has seen an increase of 2.4% over the past 12 months, demonstrating that burglary remains a priority for the force and we continue to work hard to detect these crimes. Our burglary strategy includes the close monitoring and scrutinising of offences to help us understand crime trends, the methodologies employed by criminals and targeting 'hotspot' areas to ensure deployment of our resources effectively.

"Remember to keep garages and outbuildings secure too as burglars often look for times to help them break into homes. Be neighbourly by looking out for your local community and always report any suspicious activity to police. If you believe a burglary to be in progress always dial 999."

Suffolk Police and Crime Commissioner Tim Passmore said: "With the fine weather that's forecast for the coming weeks, it is only natural that we all want to open windows and doors to enjoy the sunshine, but I would ask everyone to be aware of their home security so we don't give burglars the opportunity to pounce.

"Suffolk is a safe place to live and we want to keep it that way. If we could all take a little time to read the constabulary's simple tips and check our homes and garages are secure, we will hopefully reduce the number of these opportunist burglaries and have a summer to remember for the right reasons."

Suffolk police offers the following advice to residents:

LOCK

- Lock all doors and remove the keys before leaving the house.
- Keep front doors locked even when you are at home and especially if you are in the back garden.
- Close all windows fully before you leave the house, lock downstairs windows and remove the keys.

- Use window limiters to allow air in instead of keeping windows fully open, even when you're at home.
- Install window locks on upstairs windows that can be easily accessed by a flat roof.
- Lock back gates using a sturdy lock such as a closed shackle padlock to no less than CEN 3-4 security grade or 5 lever lock.

LIGHT

- Make your home look lived in – use timer switches if you're not home.
- 'Dusk-to-dawn' sensor security lighting is a cheap, low cost way of making sure the front of your home or shed/outbuilding is well-lit.
- Visible burglar alarms can make burglars think twice; get specialist advice and consult your insurance company.
- You could also consider installing a Ring doorbell camera in order to potentially film an opportunist burglar in action.

For more information, visit <https://www.suffolk.police.uk/news/latest-news/27-02-2018/suffolk-teams-smart-home-security-company-tackle-burglars>.

- Hedging and shrubs to the front of your property should be pruned to no higher than 1m and trim trees up from the ground to 2m. This will allow a clear line of sight across your property and will stop the garden being used as a hiding place.

HIDE

- Keep your valuables, jewellery, cash, passport and deeds to your property in a safe.
- Never leave spare keys in an open place. Be aware, burglars know all the usual hiding places so never leave a spare key under the doormat or under a garden gnome.
- Keep dustbins and wheelie-bins away from fencing/gates as these can be used by thieves to climb into windows or used to escape.
- Make sure valuables are property marked. Take photographs and keep a note of any serial numbers.
- Don't leave equipment and tools lying around that can be used by burglars to break into your home, such as hammers, shovels or gardening tools. Keep ladders locked away and out of sight.

For more home and vehicle security advice including technological devices available (such as alarms and motion sensor video doorbells) accredited by 'Secured by Design' do visit <https://www.suffolk.police.uk/advice/crime-prevention-z>

Anyone with information about thieves operating in their area should contact Suffolk police on 101 or Crimestoppers, anonymously, on 0800 555 111.

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WEST SUFFOLK COUNCIL COMMUNITY CHEST OPENS FOR APPLICATIONS

Community groups, charities and voluntary organisations in West Suffolk can now apply for Community Chest funding for 2020/21.

West Suffolk Council is to make more than £350,000 available as it looks to invest in community projects to improve the lives of local residents.

Money is available to local projects that can help strengthen families and empower communities so that they can better support themselves.

Since it launched in 2015, the Council has invested in a range of community based initiatives, to help, for example, young people who have lost direction, gain a sense of purpose and integrate them back into their local community. Other initiatives have been funded to break down stereotypes to bring generations closer together and develop a better understanding of each other. Community Chest has also been used to provide support to parents and families before they reach crisis point, and to help people overcome social isolation and loneliness.

Cllr Robert Everitt, Cabinet Member for Families and Communities at West Suffolk Council said: "Our belief is that by investing in our communities, we can help combat issues before they lead to bigger problems We know that social isolation and loneliness takes a huge toll on people's physical and mental health, while family crises, without support, can have a deep and lasting impact on children that will continue into their adulthood.

Across West Suffolk there are some great community organisations and charities that have a wealth of knowledge, experience and a desire to help – and we are looking to invest in their ideas to further improve the lives and experiences of West Suffolk residents."

The deadline for applications is 30 September at 12noon. A decision on the grants will be made later this year with successful bids paid in April 2020.

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FAIR TO BOOST SKILLS AND REDUCE SOCIAL ISOLATION

Residents young and old from across West Suffolk are invited to two events being held next month designed to boost skills and reduce social isolation.

The West Suffolk Skills Share Fair is free to attend and is open to anyone who would you like to learn new skills or improve existing skills, or who is looking to return to work, perhaps following time out looking after children or a period of unemployment. The Fair is also targeted at anyone who is willing to support the local economy through volunteering as well as people who are recently retired, but willing to support younger people in learning about the world of work.

The drop in events which take place across two mornings has been organised by the team of nine interns working at West Suffolk Council. Cllr Susan Glossop, Cabinet Member for Growth at the Council said: "We work with a variety of education, employment and other partners and we want to inspire people to improve existing skills and learn new ones. This in turn may help giving people the confidence to undertake voluntary work in their community, start-up their own business venture or to gain new employment and in so doing contribute to the success of our local economy.

"The Skills Share Fair is also about encouraging people within our own rural communities to come forward and inspire others. We recognise that there will be older people that can teach younger generations certain skills and vice versa. We also want people to become ambassadors at schools and support young people's career development, as well encouraging other friends and family to further develop their skills."

Cllr Robert Everitt, West Suffolk Council's Cabinet Member for Families and Communities said: "West Suffolk is a rural area and people can feel socially isolated at any age – it's not just about getting older. Sometimes people may feel isolated because they aren't employed and are not confident in the skills that they have to offer. This can include parents and/or grandparents who have been looking after children and who may be looking to return to work. We can help point people in the right direction and we would encourage anyone to come to the Skills Share Fair."

The two events are open to residents from across the whole of the West Suffolk.

The first takes place in Mildenhall on 16 August from 10am to 12noon at The Jubilee Centre.

The second takes place in at the Haverhill Arts Centre on 22 August from 10am to 12noon.

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A Suffolk Sky

Hundon Landmark

Reflection (any interpretation of the word)

Close-up of a Garden-dweller

**'Bridge over Troubled Water' (Simon and Garfunkel)
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And for the juniors, under 10 and 10 to 15 years of age:

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FROM REVEREND LYNDA SEBBAGE

What is a friend?

Recently I was reflecting on what it means to have a good friend, or - if we are fortunate enough - even several good friends in our lives. The thought arose when I was sitting in Liverpool Street station recently, waiting for my train and surrounded by hundreds of strangers. I found this disconcerting. I have become used to popping out in Sudbury, or into one of our parishes, or even Bury - and always bumping into someone I know and passing the time of day. It may not be an actual friend, just a familiar face, but at least it's someone to stop and say hello to and comment on the weather, however good or bad, in our inimitable British way. I had a long wait at the station, and would have appreciated an opportunity to talk to a friendly face, but everyone was scurrying about in their own world - strangers to each other and seemingly totally unaware of anyone around them. What an irony - I felt dismally alone despite being surrounded by so many! And yet each of those people was someone's friend - they just weren't mine!

But there are friends and friends. We can amass hundreds of 'friends' on social media sites - many we probably don't know at all well. We can be a 'friend' to an organisation that we want to support, particularly financially; or we can be 'friendly' towards people, perhaps neighbours or those we meet on an occasional basis, such as when we visit our local shop.

And so this led me to wonder about friends, and what makes a good friend. Is it someone we've known many years, or more recently? Is it someone we can call any time, night or day, and ask for help - or someone whose company we just enjoy for a day or evening out? If we are lucky, it's someone who will be with us on happy occasions, but also during those dark, bleak times in our lives when we find it hard to cope - someone who can lend us a solid shoulder on which to cry. Actually, I think it's all of those and more. Ralph Waldo Emerson once said: "*The only way to have a friend is to be one*" - and that's a profound statement, because friendship cuts both ways. If we want and appreciate all the qualities a friend provides, then naturally we reciprocate, and feel honoured to do so.

In the Bible, the Old Testament book of Ecclesiastes is full of advice, and one line I am particularly drawn to is from Chapter 4: "*By yourself you're unprotected. With a friend you can face the worst.*" How true - especially when times are difficult. Being there for someone you know, love and respect, when they need you most - whether it's helping in a practical way or just listening to them - is something we can all do. It costs nothing, and yet it is worth a fortune.

Human friends are important, and so is Christ, who is friend to all and who looks upon us as His friends too. Christ is with us in good times and bad, in times of joy and laughter, sadness and grief; when we are lonely and no human friend is around for us. All we need to do is call upon Him and He is there, ready to offer an outstretched hand or solid shoulders on which to carry our burden.

Maybe at Liverpool Street station I should have reminded myself of this verse from the book of Revelation, and then I wouldn't have felt so alone: "*Listen! I am standing at the door, knocking; if you hear my voice and open the door, I will come in to you and eat with you, and you with me.*"

Rev'd Lynda Sebbage

MUSIC FOR A SUMMER'S EVENING

WOW! What a magical evening we had last month when the Jesus College Cambridge Choir came to give us "Music for a Summer's Evening".

Just over a hundred music lovers packed the Church. The roof was raised repeatedly, both by the Choir's performance and then by the applause that followed!

The first half of the evening's performance was of a religious nature and the second half comprised more traditional secular songs.

One of the many highlights of the evening was the playing on our organ of "Chelsea Fayre" by Dewi Rees, a member of the Choir and the Senior Organ Scholar of Jesus College Cambridge. Peter De Vile had only just completed an extensive repair and restoration program on the organ the day before, and the sounds that came out of it were beyond anything heard for many years.

Indeed, for over an hour, our little country church was filled with glorious sounds, songs and music.

Our thanks are due to Richard Pinel, Conductor and Director of Music at Jesus College Cambridge for bringing his thirty strong choir to Hundon. Prior to his arrival at Jesus College he spent seven years as Assistant Director of Music at St George's Chapel, Windsor Castle, playing on Royal occasions and others of national significance.

Closer to home, we owe thanks to Margaret Langridge for organising the visit and Ann McGregor for all her work in fundraising for the repair of our organ. In particular we are extremely grateful to Jesus College Cambridge which, through the Proby Trust, donated £5,000 and the Broxted Solar Community Fund for Hundon which is donating £1,000. Many others helped in arranging the event and our thanks go out to them also.

There is only one thing that could possibly be any better than a visit to Hundon by the Jesus College Cambridge Choir, and that is another visit to Hundon by the Jesus College Cambridge Choir! Whether it happens next year or the year after, the Hundon PCC are committed to making it happen!

Richard Langridge

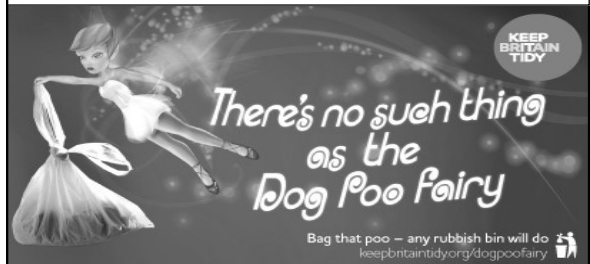
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HUNDON WINE CLUB NEWS

On a perfect June evening the Wine Club went on tour. We were fortunate enough to arrange a visit to Dedham Vale Vineyard in Boxted. 15 of us boarded our bus at the village hall and were joined by others that had made their own way to the vineyard where, following drinks, we were placed in the hands of our guide Hugo.

Hugo is the son of the estate owners and is the business manager. He explained the development plans of the winery and led us to the grapevines. We were told that 10 varieties of vine are planted, and gave us an explanation of the growing year of the vine, from autumn pruning to bud, flower and fruit set, general management of the vines and eventually to the so important harvest. Along with some assistance from their resident Spanish winemaker Chus Bartolomeo, we were informed of the pests and diseases of the vines that must be combated, and the "double guyot" method of training they employ to maximise the yield of each vine.

From the growing area we were then led by Chus to the winery itself. At the time of our visit this area was undergoing a drastic renovation and was not functioning. However, all the machinery was in place from the destalker, grape press, fermentation vats and bottling plant. We were able to fully grasp the whole process from grape to bottle. At present their crop is sent to Chilford Winery for processing before being returned for sales at Dedham.

All this of course made us very thirsty and hungry. We were then given a tutored tasting of their wines; whites, rosé, fizz and some red too. Following this we sat down to a delightful cold buffet and dessert with some more wines in the tasting room overlooking the hydrangea fringed lake returning quite sated to Hundon by bus. A great visit and an ideal way to pass a beautiful spring evening, much enjoyed by all.

UPCOMING EVENTS

- 29 August:- Summer BBQ with Club wines
- 26 September: Wines of Romania presented by Daniela and Ian Stewart
- 7 December: Hundon Wine Club annual Christmas dinner at The White Hart Great Yeldham

The Hundon Wine Club is open to anyone with an interest in wine. Membership is £10 per annum and a contribution of £10 at each meeting to cover the cost of wines tasted and food.

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HUNDON VILLAGE SHOP NEWS



Alice was feeling particularly dreamy as she wandered up to the village stores. She stopped abruptly as she spotted the three of them sitting in a huddle at the end of one of the picnic tables. A gentleman with a tall hat was leaning on a dormouse, which seemed fast asleep, and a March hare was resting on the other side of him. The table was spread with food and Alice, feeling hungry, sat down to join them.

"What are you doing?" cried the March hare. "There's no room! No room!"

"There's plenty of room", replied Alice wondering at the same time why a March hare when it was August!

"Oh well. Have some wine then" muttered the Hatter.

"I don't see any wine", said Alice.

"That's because there isn't any", scoffed the Hatter, "**it's inside the shop – in the chiller cabinet along with cold beers and Aspall's Suffolk cider**".

Alice was all set to go inside when the Dormouse said sleepily, "What time is it?"

The Hatter pulled out his pocket watch and regarded it quizzically. "Does your watch tell the year?"

"Of course not" replied Alice. "It tells the o'clock".

The Hatter harrumphed before dipping his watch in his **Pimm's (bought earlier in the shop along with the necessary lemonade and ices, which adorned the picnic table).**

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"How on earth do you know that **the shop will open on August Bank Holiday Monday (August 26th) from 8.00am to 12.00pm** then if your watch only gives the o'clock?" He seemed to sneer triumphantly and rather rudely.

Alice was beginning to despair of her fellow diners. What they said had a kind of logic to it...and yet they seemed to speak in riddles. She cast her eyes to the display of **bedding plants** still available from

the shop and noted how pretty they were. The Hare followed her glance and suggested that she stock up on the **bags of compost (just £5.99 per large bag).**

"She will want you to be sure to come prepared", said the Hatter. "She will expect all plants and gardens to be looking their best in time for it"

"In time for what?" queried Alice, feeling very peculiar by now.

"The croquet match, of course" they all chorused. "You'd better be ready. *Ne tarde*

Denise Thompson



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EUROPEAN U-20 LACROSSE CHAMPIONSHIPS.

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In the group stage England won their opening two games, beating Latvia 15-1 and Wales 17-5, before losing to Germany 14-5. As group runner-up England met Israel in the quarter-final beating them 17-5. They then overcame Ireland in the semi-final 6-5 after the match went into overtime with the first team to score deciding the tie.

In the final England renewed rivalry with their group victors Germany, who took an early two goal lead finishing the first quarter 3-1 in front. During the second quarter Germany extended their lead to 5-2. In the first quarter after half-time England pulled the deficit back with four goals to leave Germany going into the final quarter leading 7-6.

England took the lead for the first time with two quick goals. Another goal saw England go ahead 9-7 in the latter stage of the match. Germany retaliated with a late goal to set up a nail biting finale. England held on to run out winners 9-8 and collect the gold medal.

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Village Hall Committee Chairman Martin Warner	787860
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The Plough at Brockley Green:	786789
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