



# Hundon Herald

July 2020

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OPENING TIMES: 10.00A.M. – 5.00 P.M. DAILY

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THANK YOU FOR YOUR UNDERSTANDING

## FROM JULY 4th YOU WILL BE ABLE TO ENJOY REAL LOCAL ALE IN REAL LOCAL PUBS.

Yes, its Official, although this date had first been mentioned some 2 months ago and we have all been working hard to make sure that our premises are up to scratch for what will be a somewhat different pub environment. We are fortunate to have large gardens to enable everyone, staff and customers to feel safe by maintaining appropriate social distancing and no doubt we would all like to think that the wonderful summer weather that we have enjoyed for most of "lockdown" will continue.

However this will place a lot of pressure on our staff who will have to adapt to a somewhat alien way of welcoming customers and ensure that the important guidelines necessary to ensure that COVID-19 remains under control are observed. We therefore would ask that you respect the necessarily strict controls which we must put in place and co-operate with staff in dealing with these which after all are there to safeguard us all. Whilst we will be carrying out staff training in advance the fact that we re-open on a Saturday instead of a quieter mid-week "launch" presents an additional challenge. However we felt that we could not deny the people of Hundon the pleasures of their local any longer and so we would ask for your consideration and patience during what will be a welcome return to some semblance of normality for us all.

We look forward to welcoming you back to your locals from 11am on Saturday 4<sup>th</sup> July.

**Helen & Ian, "The Rose & Crown" David, "The Plough"**



## HUNDON POST OFFICE – TWO YEARS ON AND GOING STRONG

It doesn't seem two years since we fought to save our Village Post Office at a time when many others were closing. Megan has done a great job since taking on the role in serving our village along with Rachel, her current deputy. We have been particularly lucky during the Coronavirus Lockdown to continue to have a working PO and shop here in the village – for some it has been a lifeline. On behalf of, I'm sure, everyone in the village and beyond I would like to say a big Thank You to them both and also to everyone who has worked to keep the Village Shop stocked and open in these difficult times.

Two years ago, when we worked to save our PO a number of village organisations and individuals agreed to contribute to a village subsidy fund, called Friends of Hundon Post Office, to ensure our Post Mistress receives a living wage for the services she supplies to the village and surrounding area. Indeed without the fund we were told by Post Office Ltd (POL), in no uncertain terms, that our PO would have been closed. POL do not pay minimum wage to Post Masters/ Mistresses as they say the job is contracted and it relies on commission, which in a PO our size is hard to achieve.

I am sure I speak for everyone in the village in saying THANK YOU to the sixteen FOHPOs for their financial contribution, as without them we would not have a PO. Indeed there are now many customers from Kedington, Barnardiston and Clare who prefer to use our PO. The FOHPO fund has now been running successfully for nearly two years and we need to keep it going if our PO is to survive.

We are about to rebuild the fund for next year, which starts again on 1st August. Jane Tabram (who helps me manage the fund) and I will be contacting previous years contributors in the next few weeks to see whether they wish to continue but we know a few have been lost during the year.

To ensure our PO keeps open and Megan and Co receive a living wage for the excellent service they give us we ask you all to consider whether you are willing to help. If you are please contact either me (786489) or Jane (786501) and we will explain how the fund operates. The names of contributing individuals are known only to Jane and myself and are not shared among the donor group or publicised.

Jill Brown

**BROXTED SOLAR COMMUNITY FUND FOR HUNDON**  
**2020 APPLICATIONS FULL DETAILS P. 11**  
**CLOSING DATE FOR APPLICATIONS 31 st JULY**

## WELCOME BACK....SOON!

It's been a long frustrating Spring for Your Village Hall, we are all missing the exercise and enjoyment but most of all the friendship of community. June 1<sup>st</sup> saw the careful re-opening of Hedgehogs pre-school service and it was great to see the boys and girls meeting up with friends and supervising adults again. Hopefully it won't be too much longer until we were allowed to re-open the Hall to all the clubs.

We were very fortunate to receive a grant from the Governments' support scheme, which has helped towards maintaining the facility during the lockdown. As a symbol of community spirit we will be sharing this financial benefit by way of a free booking period for clubs using the Hall. We hope that this will support, what might be, a socially distanced and therefore lower attendance period.

Hope to see you soon!

*Martin Warner  
Chair Hundon Village Hall*

## FROM POLICE CONNECT

Police & Suffolk Trading Standards are urging residents to remain vigilant of telephone scams after an elderly victim fell victim to an Amazon telephone scam.

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## HUNDON DURING THE COVID-19 PANDEMIC

7<sup>th</sup> March 2020 covid-19 hits the UK – 2 deaths, 20 days later the number rose to 789.

12<sup>th</sup> March Global pandemic declared by WHO, 10 die in the UK that day.

20<sup>th</sup> March lockdown announced by Boris Johnson, from 9pm pubs and restaurants will close.

20<sup>th</sup> March Schools close, home schooling begins

21<sup>st</sup> March Hundon's Little Helpers is established

24<sup>th</sup> March, Nightingale hospitals begin construction

30<sup>th</sup> March 1408 dead in the UK

2<sup>nd</sup> April 2921 dead in the UK

This was an extremely frightening time for us all. Some of you may have lost loved ones during this time, and sadly you have not been able to grieve fully as you were unable to be with them or attend their funeral. Our love and thoughts are with all those affected.

Family celebrations, holidays, and weddings were all cancelled. Parents separated from children. Grandparents separated from grandchildren, heart-breaking times.

A vast amount of community support groups have been established around the country to support the vulnerable, the elderly, immunosuppressed and those enforced into isolation due to underlying health issues. Hundon's Little helpers established on the 21<sup>st</sup> March.

I am a Neurosurgical specialist nurse at Addenbrookes and unfortunately found myself shielded. I was frustrated that I was unable to help on the frontline so I contacted Councillor Douglas Nimmons from the Parish Council to ask how I could support with any plans they may have had in mind to support the vulnerable in the village. As a result, Councillor Nimmons and I agreed to start a support group which we named 'Hundon's little Helpers'. I felt that 4 co-ordinators would be best to spread the administrative workload. I contacted Sharon Mott who is always keen to help and support the village, and along with the amazing support of Dawn Nimmons and Brigadier Johnny Walker we now had our 4 co-ordinators. None of us knew how the Covid-19 would affect the village so we could only imagine the worst case scenario at the time. We decided that we would offer 8am till 8pm service to shop, do pharmacy runs, dog walk, and offer teacher support for home schooling, and friendly chats etc.

Councillor Gary McLeod generously developed and delivered leaflets via the kind support of the Hundon Herald and the village shop. Within a week we had accrued a whopping 36 helpers in the village.

In the beginning we were helping on average 12 people a week. We really thought it would be so much more. But we soon discovered that neighbours were helping neighbours, and friends helping friends; was the main reason why we were not overwhelmed. As a result, there are so many kind volunteers that we never called upon but we thank you so much for the comfort of knowing you are there.

Some volunteers developed a rapport and used the same person each week. One villager has said "My helpers were so good, nothing was any trouble, they went out of their way to help and I can't thank them enough".

Some helpers gave flowers, and Easter eggs.

Other helpers texted me weekly asking to do shopping so they were used literally every week during the high peak months, we will always be grateful to you all.

One lady lives alone and is very isolated, she was highlighted to us via a delivery man. As a result, a volunteer and neighbour called on her daily during the height of the pandemic to ensure that her carers had been that day, and her shopping had been delivered etc., this was reassuring for her and her family who lived many miles away, again we will be forever grateful to our helper.

All our villagers who were supported were very grateful and found you all a godsend.

We are now downsizing the co-ordinators as we develop a new normality whilst living with Covid-19. The co-ordinators and times can be found in the leaflets distributed in this Hundon Herald and on Facebook.

With the support of the West Suffolk County Council I will keep Hundon's Little Helpers going for the foreseeable future, I think it is comforting to know that those who do not have a support network have somewhere to turn in their hour of need, which may be due to a short term illness or injury.

We all have different needs and different concerns/ interests/involvements, so do what is right for you to stay safe and keep the good people of Hundon safe.

We have a village to be proud of, everyone has shown that the community spirit is alive and well in Hundon.

*Michaela Curran-Cox*

### THANK YOU

A huge 'thank you' to the Village Shop for not only staying open since lockdown began but all the stock they bought in to keep us all going while all around us the superstores were running out of stock due to either panic buying or having to feed all the people who were know not able to go out to eat and drink.

Understandably many of the volunteers who serve in the shop are of a certain age, shall we say, and felt it was safer for them to stay at home. So thank you to all those who were prepared to serve us, and take the cash that many shops wouldn't take.

Thank you for increasing everyone's safety by putting up the see-through barriers and organising the 'two only' at a time. To see the long queue stretching across the car park and everyone keeping at a safe distance and having a good old chat was a sight to behold.

Thank you to Meg and her stand-ins for taking our cash and letters etc so cheerfully, what would we do without you?

Indeed, what would we have done without those who were prepared to open and shut the shop, sort the papers, handle our cash when cashing-up etc and all the jobs we know little about.

THANK YOU!

*Janet Burrows*

## HGC BLOG 2020

It's good to be writing a Gardening Club Blog again! We've missed so much but hopefully we will be able to repeat most of this year's activities next year, who knows? We must take nothing for granted anymore.

One activity that has been continuing throughout the pandemic is the maintenance of the Tubs and Beds at the Village Hall and beside the shop. If you haven't noticed the improvements please have a look next time you go to the shop or smash your bottles and jars in the bottle banks. The five members of the Tubs and Beds group have done and continue to do a sterling job of keeping the area looking colourful and weed free. Thank you, Jayne, Lyn, Peggy, Yvonne and Jan for all your hard work and continued enthusiasm.

Clare Howard is compiling the 2020 Scrapbook and looking for your pictures. As the year progresses if you see something in your garden, a lovely flower, or flowers, a productive veg patch, a bird, a brood fledging, butterflies, anything to do with nature. In these strange times, it could be you exercising in your garden or sitting in your garden

socially distanced, you get the idea. I was emailed a picture of a cat sitting on a bird table with a roof on it, it looked like the cat was in lockdown!! Have you made your own face covering? Well, send us a picture! Please take your pictures and either email to me and I will do the printing and pass on to Clare or if you can print please drop it into Clare, The Croft, Church Street. Please include your name and something about the picture. My email is [jburrows60@hotmail.co.uk](mailto:jburrows60@hotmail.co.uk). Looking forward to seeing what you have been up to!



Hopefully we will have more good news for you next month as we gradually step further forward into a new normality?? Stay Safe!

*Janet Burrows*

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## FROM CANON AND MRS MITCHELL AT THE VICARAGE IN CLARE.

So long, farewell, Auf Wiedersehn, Good bye, Adieu...

Sometime during 1999, I finally understood what God was saying to me. Helped by many conversations with folk who became priest colleagues (and the odd Archdeacon and Bishop along the way) I found myself at St John's Durham in 2001, precisely Cranmer Hall being trained to be a priest in the Church of England. I felt no sense of destiny, merely relief that 'it' began to make sense; whatever IT is. Lectures, essays and exams (really? Yes!)

Eventually I received a letter from Archbishop David Hope saying he was to ordain me as a Deacon into the Church of England. June 2003. York Minster. My life in Parish ministry began. Gently at first supported by one of many people called Chris (Christine, Christopher, Christian) as my training incumbent. And aided and abetted by a man called Peter, fellow Deacon, so the journey to Suffolk, via Rutland began.

Chris (the most important person so named in my life) and I arrived in Suffolk late September 2011 and now some 8 years and 8 months later we are heading for new pastures 'in retirement'. What does it mean to be retired? In the Church? I'm not so sure, it's another role I haven't done before. But as with changes in life, new jobs, new homes, new people I'll be guided by God as I have been for far longer than the 17 years wearing a collar signifying 'priest'.

I thank you (we thank you) all for the support you have given to us both. New pastures await these parishes, somewhere, someone will be disturbed by God saying to them GO to Clare, to Cavendish, to Stoke by Clare, to Hundon, to Poslingford and to Wixoe and see what fine folk they are. And that person will find folk ready to be enthused in their Christian Faith and they will respond to God calling them.

Christine and I wish you the very best of health and happiness leaving as they say, almost a misquotation from Charles Dickens when we are faced with COVID-19 'These were the worst of times, the strangest of times, but the people came through and life resumed and a new normal emerged'. We will look back fondly of our stay in Clare. God bless you, and be safe.

*Stuart and Christine  
12.5.20*



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Appointments will be limited for the safety of our clients and myself.

I am sure you all will be aware of most PPE guidelines too.  
Details will be sent by email prior to appointment date.

## HUNDON VILLAGE SHOP

Well what a few months that has been! Here at the village shop we hope that you have found it helpful to have a shop and Post Office on your doorstep to help you through the lockdown months. We have had some really positive feedback as people have turned to their village shop rather than facing the long socially distanced queues in the car parks of the supermarkets.

We have had some lovely comments from customers, many of whom used the shop for the first time when lockdown arrived. "surprised at the large range of products", "really well stocked", "great prices for a village shop" and "thank you for staying open" have been the main comments. Thank you, your encouragement has been really appreciated.

A huge thank you to the volunteers who joined us to enable us to stay open in a period when a lot of our volunteers were unable to continue due to age or health reasons. Thanks also to our usual volunteers who have felt able to continue in these slightly scary times, you have all been absolutely brilliant, and we cannot thank you enough. And of course, a huge well done to Karen whose determination to make the shop even better for customers in this time has been heroic, and to Megan and Rachel who have kept the vital Post Office service available throughout.

For our volunteers who have been out of action for the last three months we miss you, hope that you are well and look forward to seeing you back behind the till but only when you feel it is right and safe for you to be back.

During lockdown, the shop has been closing at 1pm and this will continue for the time being. The shop committee will review this in August.

As things return to some kind of normality it is easy for us all to be lulled into thinking that the risks of this virus have all gone away. Clearly that is not the case and we must continue with the safety measures that have served us well so far. We will therefore continue to ask you to limit yourselves to two customers in the shop/post office at any one time and to keep your distance from others while in the shop and while waiting to come in. As we are only a small space the expected change from 2 metres to 1 metre will not allow us to have more people in at the same time.

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*Martin Warner, Chair.  
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## HUNDON COMMUNITY CAFÉ

*For those who may not have heard, I will not be continuing with the Community Café, it has simply become too much hard work. There is a possibility that someone else, much younger, may continue, I will let you know when I know.*

*The Community Café was started in 2010 by Jan McLardy. Both Jan and myself were the bakers for the first two years then, when Jan and Tom stood down I and several volunteers continued serving you all for the following 8 years.*

*I would like to thank all the volunteers who have helped over all those years and all of you for coming along and enjoying yourselves, getting to know each other and supporting the café.*

*It has also been a privilege to see the school children who first came as babies, the school children who first came with the school as young school children, grow-up and get to know the older generation.*

*Hopefully, fingers crossed, it will continue. I look forward to being one of you, and enjoying a restful and sociable afternoon.  
Stay Safe!*

*Janet Burrows*

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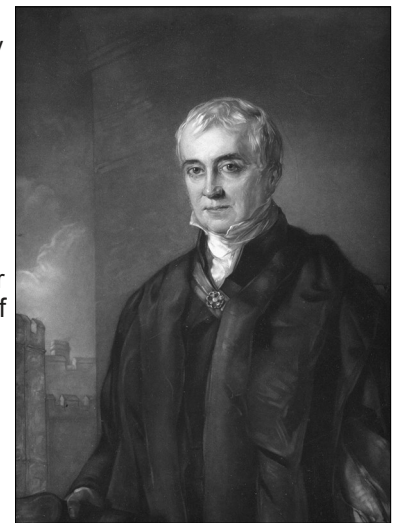
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### DAD'S ARMY ON TYNESIDE

During these days of isolation from Coronavirus I have been working my way through a mass of old family documents that a cousin sent me 18 months ago, knowing that I was interested in the history of my mother's family. One of my mother's ancestors was the Venerable Charles Thorp DD (1783-1862). He was Archdeacon of Durham, founder of Durham University, and founder of the bird sanctuary on the Farne Islands which he owned.

One of the family documents is a typewritten biography by Charles Thorp's great grandson. Here is an extract from this biography which might amuse readers of the Hundon Herald ...



"Amongst the many and varied things Charles Thorp did in his life was Commander of the Cavalry Troop, which were equivalent to the Home Guard at Ryton in Northumberland during Napoleon's invasion scares. A general alarm was raised throughout Tyneside in September 1803. Charles and his troop paraded at Ryton and rode to repel the invaders who were supposed to be about to land on the coast. The evacuation of civilians from the coast also started. It turned out to be a false alarm. The Ryton Troop took one day to ride to South Shields, but it took them 5 days to ride back. They were, so it was said, very blotto and bedraggled and all got into a frightful row from their wives".

John Christophers



## 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 pupil's 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 Saint 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
<b>TOTAL AWARDED TO DATE</b>			<b>£56,000</b>

## **BROXTED SOLAR COMMUNITY FUND FOR HUNDON**

This was established following the completion of the solar farm in 2014. To date the Fund has awarded a total of £56,000, benefitting the Primary School, Pre-School and various clubs and organisations. We invite applications for this year and will welcome any that can be shown to bring material benefit to make our village an even better place in which to live and enjoy!

### **APPLICATIONS FOR FUNDING - 2020**

The main features of the Community Fund are summarised:

- This year the total amount awarded will be £10,500. This will include a direct annual payment of £1,500 to Hundon School
- The balance of £9,000 will be awarded to organisations or groups within Hundon. To receive an award from the Community Fund, an application must make a material change or create material benefit for the Community in and around Hundon, and may include revenue items as well as capital payments.
- The minimum award through the Community Fund will be £1,000 as any applicant must demonstrate 'material change' or 'material benefit' for the Community i.e. not narrowly focused or small in size or scope.
- The Community Fund is run by the Community Fund Group who will discuss the merits of each application to determine whether or not they qualify for funding and if so how much will be awarded. At any one time the Group will consist of four members:
  1. The Chairman or Representative of the Parish Council – Geoff Spooner
  2. The Chairman or Representative of the Village Hall Committee – Martin Warner
  3. One other representative of the Hundon Community with wide knowledge and experience of it - currently David Rowlinson who was Parish Council Chairman when the proposal for Broxted Solar was presented at a meeting which was also attended by Dorothy Whittaker who was Hundon's Borough Councillor at the time.
  4. A representative of Navigator Land LLP, the owners of Broxted Estate (and hence landlords of Broxted Solar) - the first such representative being Charles Ryder. David Rowlinson acts as Chairman of the Community Fund Group and Charles Ryder/ Navigator Land LLP administers it.

If your club or Organisation has a project requiring funding and which meets the above criteria, submit details of what any award will be used for and where it involves the purchase of equipment or services should include more than one quote. Please note that all applications must be for projects which require £1,000 or more and which will normally be completed within 1 year of receipt of the award.

**Applications should be emailed to Charles Ryder at [charles@gbfco.com](mailto:charles@gbfco.com) by July 31st.**

During the ensuing weeks, the Community Fund Group will consider the applications seeking, where necessary, further information. The Group will then make recommendations to Broxted Solar as to which applications should be awarded funding and, subject to approval, payments are anticipated to be made by the end of September. Depending on the total sum requested from all applications, some which qualify may not receive an award this year, but such projects can apply again next year.

The Community Fund Group looks forward to receiving applications in the coming weeks. We very much hope that Broxted Solar's Community Fund will continue to be of great benefit to the Community of Hundon over the coming years.

*David Rowlinson*

## **BROXTED SOLAR COMMUNITY FUND**

**ON THE FOLLOWING PAGES ARE REPORTS  
FROM PREVIOUS GRANT RECIPIENTS**

## To the Broxted Solar Community Fund Group

### VILLAGE WAR MEMORIAL REFURBISHMENT

Firstly, we wish to record our thanks for the award of £1,500 received last year. This is the second time this important project has benefitted from the Fund and was in addition to the £2,000 awarded in 2018 which covered the refurbishment and the addition of 4 missing names. As you know because of delays in obtaining a Faculty it was not possible to complete the work in time for it to be re-dedicated in time for the Centenary Remembrance Sunday.

As it happens this proved to be a "blessing in disguise" because it turned out that the Faculty was granted on the proviso that it be returned to the churchyard. It had been pointed out by local Stonemasons and Funeral Directors

H. J. Paintin who had submitted the most competitive quote that its location in the churchyard where it was in constant shade was the main reason for its sorry state. It became apparent that apart from this sound reason not to return it to the churchyard, many in Hundon felt that in its current location those honoured did not receive appropriate recognition and so thoughts then turned to finding a suitable, more prominent site. The obvious choice would have been to return it to near its original location which was near the bus shelter adjacent to Farmerie Road although in discussion with Highways this proved to be unsuitable.

It was at one of the site meetings that a suggestion that the Village Hall site might prove to be the ideal solution was made, since in effect it was the centre of the village with the Hall, Community Shop and Post Office making it the focus of activities including sports. A Planning Application was submitted and planning granted for the Memorial to be sited on the bank between the highway and the car park. By recessing it into the bank at an appropriate distance from the highway and with a suitable surround it would provide enough space to accommodate the numbers attending the Remembrance Sunday service as well as the Re-Dedication which with a following wind could be arranged to coincide with the VJ celebrations in August. As you know last year's award will go a long way toward the cost of bringing the village's heroes out of the shadows and into the sun.

*With our sincere thanks,  
Johnny Walker, Phil Impey, David Rowlinson.*

## HUNDON HEDGEHOG RESCUE

Hundon Hedgehog Rescue has now been operating for 7 years and is registered with the British Hedgehog Preservation Society (BHPS) as one of the many rescue centres throughout the country. It is based at Two Bridges, Lower Road, Hundon. During the course of the year we take in 150 – 200 sick, injured and baby hedgehogs – ones that without our care would not survive in the wild. There has been a lot of publicity in recent years bringing the reduction of hedgehog numbers to the attention of the British public. Our aim is to not only save those hedgehogs that come in to the rescue but to educate people, particularly children on how best to help the hedgehog population survive and grow in number.

Thanks to the grants we have received we have been able to improve the facilities in the rescue. We have increased the number of larger cages we use to accommodate the hedgehogs, which means we can take in additional animals and they have better living in space whilst with us. We have also installed two incubators which we use for baby hedgehogs (called hoglets). Keeping the hoglets at a constant warm temperature offers them a much better chance of survival whilst we hand feed and rear them. Any remaining monies from the grants has gone towards the cost of food and the drugs we use to treat the many medical problems we find.

It costs us approximately £2,500 - £3,000 a year to run the rescue. We have to be self funding, raising most of our funds with stalls at village fetes, plant sales at open gardens and talks to local groups and clubs. We are very thankful for the grants we have received to date as they have allowed us to improve our facilities and contributed towards the day on day running costs we incur.

*Jill Brown*

## HUNDON HEDGEHOGS PRE-SCHOOL

We have been luckily enough to receive grants from The Broxted Solar Community Fund over the past few years. They have enabled us to purchase necessary things that we would have had trouble purchasing without the financial help.

We have been able to buy:- a child friendly tablet and a Bee Bot for the children's ICT, two laptops for the staff to use to track the children's Early Years Learning, two Gazebos so that we can continue to teach outside when the weather is otherwise too hot and all three staff have been able to renew their Paediatric First Aid certification.

We really appreciate all the help they have been able to give us in the past and we hope it continues for the future.

*Thank you - HUNDON HEDGEHOGS PRE-SCHOOL.*

## CHURCH ORGAN FUND

Last year the Broxted Solar Community Fund donated a £1,000 to our Church Organ Fund. This generous gift not only enabled us to complete some much-needed restoration work but has also allowed us to put a bit aside to ensure that we can keep the organ regularly serviced.

We are extremely grateful to the Fund Trustees for their timely aid.

*Richard Langridge*



## HUNDON AND THURLOW PRIMARY FEDERATION



### A 'virtual' hello from Hundon Community Primary School Well, what strange times we all find ourselves in!

You will probably have noticed a return of the 'hubble and bubble' in our playground as we welcomed back our children in Reception, Year 1 and Year 6 in early June, to join those key worker children and vulnerable families already with us. With different information and regulations published daily achieving this was quite a challenge but it has absolutely been worth it. It has been wonderful to invite these children into school each day, see their smiles, hear their laughter whilst supporting their parents get back to work.

Whilst the Hundon school site was quiet following the onset of Covid-19, we as a school staff remained busy, basing ourselves at our sister school, Thurlow, just across the A143, to ensure we had capacity to maintain on-going support for those children across our Federation, who needed us whilst their families supported on the 'frontline'. There we remained, open every day, through Easter, into April and May until the start of June after we had established our school-specific risk assessments and plans for the practicalities of the restraints given.

Teachers are continuing to work hard supporting the learning of those in school as well as providing home learning and we are so appreciative of parents who have been and continue to balance helping their children alongside their own work. The children have, overwhelmingly, risen to this new challenge and our values of creativity, responsibility and perseverance have never been more evidenced.

Our ambitions for our school and our drive for the very best educational experiences and the highest educational standards for our pupils remain, whilst we are working differently day-to-day at present, we continue to strive for excellence in all we do. Something we were delighted Her Majesty's Inspectors noted when they visited us in early March, just prior to all this!

Judged to be a good school with outstanding features we are particularly pleased that quality of both Personal Development and the children's Behaviour and Attitudes were judged to be outstanding. These aspects of our work are at the heart of everything we do and believe in, not just at Hundon but across our Federation. The report notes how happy our pupils are, how much they love coming to school and learning. It highlights our values and our caring and loving ethos. It emphasises the strength of our relationships with our pupils as well as our high expectations for their learning and behaviour, describing our pupils' conduct and attitudes towards their learning as exemplary.

It recognises our strong leadership and shared vision as well as acknowledging the work undertaken to develop leadership capacity. We are delighted that the report notes how we continue to improve and enhance the quality of teaching and learning for all our pupils.

It also notes the enjoyment our pupils have for the personalised curriculum we are developing, our carefully planned subject learning through interesting themes and activities which both challenge and support the children as they build their collaborative skills and resilience for long-term learning.

It is pleasing that the report recognises the high priority we place on developing and teaching reading skills, including phonics and our mantra for pupils to 'keep up, not catch up'. It notes the changes implemented are improving the pupils' learning.

All the staff and governors across the Federation are very proud of what has been achieved at Hundon Community Primary School and so appreciative of our families and our children for helping make our school the amazing and special place it is. We hope you, our community family, will share our pride.

None of this would be possible without the exceptional support of Broxted Solar Farm who have helped enrich our school by providing "additional facilities" including enhanced outside play areas, ICT equipment and adult seating which the school would not have been able to afford.

Much of our focus relates to academic and educational achievement, of course, but the improvement and development of our pupils in support of the "whole child" remains central to all our work. The development of their personal, social and emotional health and wellbeing is intrinsic and at the heart of all we do, and is of vital importance at a time such as this.

We have invested in staff training over the last 12 months and now have a designated "ELSA" (**Emotional Literacy Support Assistant**). This training includes working with qualified Educational Psychologists to strengthen and extend these crucial areas.

It has proved very successful for our children over the last year with the support ensuring pupils needing help with specific events such as bereavement as well as on-going difficulties and anxieties relating to various issues, including confidence, moving to a new setting, changes in family dynamics and other family issues, all in confidence. Currently children work in the school library and school hall 1:1 and in small groups which can be subject to interruptions. This can cause breaks in concentration for children working in these circumstances and can be upsetting and disruptive for pupils

discussing sensitive emotional issues.



Our major project at the moment is raising funds to support the creation of an outdoor classroom for our school, providing a much needed additional learning space with a particular focus on pupil mental health and

well-being. Space is always at a premium at Hundon and to have a designated place which can be made inviting and comfortable for our children will really enhance this vital work. This will further enhance the vital pastoral support we provide for our pupils as well as enrich their learning experiences.

Our PTA had been busy fundraising for this and raised substantial funds to help with the project and thanks to additional support from Broxted last year the project was 'good to go'! Whilst on hold at present due to the pandemic we anticipate this being completed by spring / summer 2021, hopefully at the very latest!

As we strive to ensure each individual pupil continues to be the best they can be in all aspects of their learning, we will continue developing and enhancing our educational provision. Be in no doubt of our commitment.

We do hope, along with everyone else, that school is able to return to 'normal' as soon as it is safe. In the meantime, we continue to thank all our families for their support as well as the amazing job they are doing.

*Mrs Sharon FitzGerald, Headteacher*

### HUNDON VILLAGE POST OFFICE

As many people will remember in 2018 we took on to save our Village Post Office, which resulted in lengthy discussions with Post Office Ltd (POL) and a need to secure funding locally to give our Post Mistress a living wage, thus encouraging people to apply for the job and confirming to POL that we were serious in not allowing them to close our Post Office. Part of that funding came as a £1,000 grant from Broxted Solar Community Fund which together with funding from the Parish Council, Rogeron Trust and several local people secured the Post Office for our village and also gave facilities for Kedington, Barnardiston and other local residents.

*Jill Brown*

### HUNDON HAWKS

Hundon Football Club will be playing under 15s football next season, which will be boys in year 10 for the up and coming school term.

We are looking for some new players to join the Hundon Hawks and showcase their love of football. We are a friendly team and play in the Cambs League on a Saturday morning.

If you know any boys that are interested and want to sign on, please contact Graham Mitson on: 07787 53566

### HUNDON COMMUNITY CINEMA

Following the extremely generous donation of £2500 by the Broxted Trust towards this project, we have also secured a donation from the Hundon Village Hall Community Projects Fund. To this we have added the surplus in the Cinema account, and as a result we have finally been able to purchase and install all the equipment we need to show films without having to hire anything from elsewhere. We now have a dedicated sound system, blu-ray player and two wall-mounted speakers (maybe a full set of surround-sound speakers in due course). This, along with the new screen, means that the Community Cinema now has a permanent, fixed system in the village hall allowing us to be totally independent of outside suppliers. We can now set up and show films for the enjoyment of the village in a matter of minutes rather than the hours it previously required.

Sadly, we have yet to take advantage of our new installation as the film show we had planned for March was cancelled as we went into lockdown.

Although the system is functioning, there is just one more item of item of equipment that would help us. Because of budget constraints, we had the cinema equipment installed in the same cabinet as existing equipment used as a PA system, this is causing some access problems. It is our hope that we can eventually raise enough money from attendance at film shows to have a separate cabinet fitted.

We are extremely grateful to the Broxted Trust and all those involved with it and would appreciate it if you would, once again, pass on our thanks to Charles Ryder and all concerned.

*Graham & Melody Gosling*



### DO YOU 'DO' FACEBOOK?

#### Join Hundon Village Group

A group for the residents and friends of Hundon in Suffolk to communicate and exchange news and ideas, and promote village events. (Not for advertising except for The Rose & Crown and The Plough)

**PLEASE remember to answer the membership questions if you are asking to join the group.**

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Hundon Village Hall <http://www.facebook.com/hundonvillagehall>

There are also groups for Clare, Kedington, Haverhill, Stradishall, Thurlow, Wickhambrook

**HUNDON PARISH COUNCIL -  
Full Minutes will be available on the  
Hundon Parish Council Website**

Hundon Parish Council met remotely on Wednesday 17<sup>th</sup> June 2020.

**Village Matters**

The Clerk confirmed that a dangerous tree at Farmerie Road has been reported, this is ongoing and has been passed to Suffolk County Council Highways for further investigation. A tree at Clockhall Lane which was causing an obstruction to larger vehicles has also been reported, Suffolk County Council will be looking into this.

Grant application received by Hundon Cricket Club, the Council resolved to grant £500.

Hundon Football Club pitch sharing licence has been extended to 2045 to meet the requirements of their grant application to the Football Foundation.

The Council have set up a War Memorial Working Group to continue working on re-siting the War Memorial from the Churchyard to the Village Hall. A quote has been received and agreed. The group are working closely with both Suffolk County Council and West Suffolk District Councils.

The Parish Council have agreed to start work on tidying up the area at the football pitch which is overgrown and to look into a report of a dangerous tree.

**Suffolk County Councillor Mary Evans reported:**

The County Council's Transport Strategy team has just submitted a £1.2M bid to the Government to fund a rural mobility project to run taxi buses from rural communities to nearby towns. The West Suffolk element of the county-wide project features lists four villages local villages – including Hundon. The bid is to provide an 8-seater wheelchair accessible community taxi-bus vehicle in each area, which will be used to connect passengers to nearby towns and railway stations. The cost of operating the community taxi-bus service will be partly subsidised through the Rural Mobility Fund with passengers paying the remainder of the cost through the payment of fares. The community taxi-bus service will be bookable through an online platform where passengers can share the taxi with other people – therefore reducing the cost of the fare

Suffolk County Council's Archaeological Service announced the launch of its new Suffolk Heritage Explorer website at [heritage.suffolk.gov.uk](http://heritage.suffolk.gov.uk) take a look at the sites listed in and around Hundon.

Please be aware that Suffolk Trading Standards are warning people to be on the alert for cheats and fraudsters. This is Scams Awareness fortnight. Criminals are taking advantage of the current pandemic to scam people out of their money. I find this especially poignant as this is also National Loneliness Awareness Week. A report from Age UK Suffolk estimates there are 17,000 older people in our county who go without human contact for days- end weeks – on end because they are isolated without friends or close family nearby. These are the very people who are most likely to fall for a charming fraudster.

The *FirstResponse* service, launched by Norfolk and Suffolk NHS Foundation Trust, is available 24 hours a day, seven days a week, and provides immediate advice, support and signposting for people with mental health difficulties. If you are experiencing something that makes you feel unsafe, distressed or worried about your mental health you can call the helpline on **0808 196 3494**. More support is available at any time of day or night from Samaritans, who offer confidential and non-judgmental emotional support whenever you need someone to talk to. Call **116 123**.

For young people, Kooth is a free online counselling and emotional wellbeing support service commissioned by NHS Ipswich and East Suffolk and NHS West Suffolk Clinical Commissioning Groups, and Public Health Suffolk. It launched across the county in October 2019 to provide support to young people aged 11 to 18 years. Kooth offers young people bookable virtual chat sessions with experienced counsellors, live moderated forums to share their experiences, self-help materials, journals and goal trackers to reflect their thoughts and feelings by going to: [kooth.com](http://kooth.com), and registering. For details of other emotional wellbeing support services available to young people in Suffolk visit: [www.thesource.me.uk/wellbeing](http://www.thesource.me.uk/wellbeing)

**Report from West Suffolk Councillors Karen Richardson and Marion Rushbrook**

**High streets are reopening** – From West Suffolk Council. With Government guidance allowing more people to return to work and shops to open, it is important that we manage our car parks to free up long stay spaces for workers and short stay for visitors. Parking charges are to be reinstated across West Suffolk starting Monday 15 July

**Clare Market** this Saturday. Only a click and collect service is available this weekend. It is hoped the market will return in a more usual format in July but this is subject to Government announcements and guidance.

**Next meeting of the Council will take place on 15<sup>th</sup> July 2020 by Zoom**



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## ESTATE CHARITY THOMAS ROGERON/RELIEF IN NEED CHARITY 2019 REPORT

### Trustees:

Messrs Davis, Impey (Chair) and McLardy; Rev Mitchell; Mesdames Morse and Turner; Miss Upson (clerk).

### Farmland:

All Rogeron farmland is being rented with income continuing to be stable. That being rented to a local business has been cleared and fenced, resulting in improved access and tidiness.

### Allotments:

By the end of the year there were approximately 34 'paid' allotments, of a variety of sizes, with many being garden extensions. Allotment holders are asked to sign up to rules and guidelines for the allotment holders, as a condition of keeping an allotment. Trees and hedges have been tidied up or removed, depending on their condition. The many rubbish heaps have generally been cleared; from the beginning of 2018 allotment holders are responsible for disposing of any waste from "their" allotments. Mr Basham has done a sterling job of keeping the grass tidy and the footpaths close mown. The bank at the southern end of the field has been left, for the most part, to encourage wildlife. To help towards the cost of routine maintenance, the rent was raised from the current £5 a basic plot in 2018. This will remain for 2020 but will be raised again in 2021 to a more realistic rate. The Trustees are extremely grateful to Mr Davis for the terrific work he has done on the allotment area (and his goodwill) and to Mr Smith (the Trust's Land Agent) for his excellent advice, support and patience.

**USE IT OR LOSE IT!** One of the main reasons given for the poor uptake for allotments has been the lack of water supply. Despite the provision of a mains water standpipe and other improvements making the allotments more attractive, there was a slight decrease in the allotments being taken up during the year, although the number had returned to last years' level by the end of the year. The allotment income does not reflect the recent capital expenditure on improvements, nor does it come anywhere near covering the annual running costs. This situation cannot be allowed to continue and, unless there is a noticeable increase in demand for allotments, other alternative uses will have to be considered.

### Hundon Educational Foundation:

This received a grant of £4,500 from Rogerons.

**PCC:** The PCC received a grant of £3,000 from the Rogeron Charity. Maintenance of the church clock continues to be paid for (as part of the Charity's statute).

### Other grants from the "main" trust:

2 local organisations received grants to help ensure their viability, so that members are able to enjoy improved access to leisure and social facilities. The Charity also gives financial support towards the costs of running the Post Office.

### RIN:

The Relief in Need Charity (Hundon Trust Fund) received £1,500, also from the Trust. Grants of approximately £1,400 were distributed. These included funding to help members of local organisations enjoy improved access to leisure and social facilities and also grants to help parishioners within their homes, with their disability needs and to gain qualifications.

Estate Charity of Thomas Rogeron: Charity number 212255

Relief in Need: Charity number 206373



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### HUNDON SPORTS ASSOCIATION "THE ASTRO"

It is with regret that we have to announce that the "Astro" will remain closed for the foreseeable future. The government guidance is clear that for any facilities to re-open there has to be supervision in place, which we are unable to offer and that there must be cleaning protocols in place to limit coronavirus transmission. This means frequent cleaning of all touch points, i.e. gate, entry pad, fencing surrounds, goal posts and any other equipment used. Clearly it would not be possible for us to achieve that after every user has finished. We will continue to monitor government guidance but until such time as we can ensure the safety of users it will have to remain closed.

Stewart Alderman





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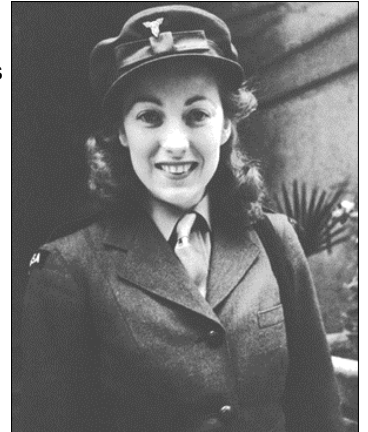
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**DAME VERA LYNN  
1917—2020  
'The Forces' Sweetheart'**

Although saddened by her loss there are those of us who will remember and honour the non-stop commitment of this remarkable lady made to all service personnel past and present and her kindness and willingness to help wherever possible in any project directed to their benefit or welfare.



This link evolved from her early singing days, as a member of ENSA, a world-wide organisation set up during the Second World War to 'entertain the troops', when performers were drawn mainly from the world of Theatre, Variety, Cinema and music to tour and give concerts at the many military establishments. The title of 'Forces' Sweetheart' was to come. Pat Kirkwood, a young dancer, who later was to become a famous West End star recalled times when: "We had no idea where we were, we arrived, unloaded, set up, performed and moved on. It was hard uncomfortable work at times, but good fun and a wonderful grounding for our future careers".

However, with the very large number of airfields in East Anglia one question must be asked. 'Did Vera Lynn perform at RAF Stradishall ie in our parish'? Our original research into the history of the station produced other names (Wilfred Pickles, Sam Costa, Jimmy Young) but not that of Vera Lynn. BUT the signature of 'Vera Lynn' plus that of 'Wilfred Pickles' in the autograph book of a young local girl (1941/2) confirms that SHE DID – a nice little addition to our parish history.

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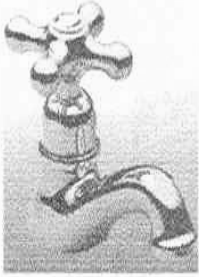
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