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Sunday 29th January 2023

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A Cup and Musical Instruments or things that will make lots of noise .



More details—see inside p.6

**HGC Newsletter  
January 2023**

Hopefully you will receive this before Christmas, unlike most of your Christmas Cards I suspect! If you do get a chance please do go to the Church to see the array of Christmas Trees decorated by many social groups in Hundon, all decorated to show their favourite



Christmas Carol. Ours is The Holly and the Ivy, and involved 6 of our members, Linda Read, Treasurer, Margaret Langridge, Jan Turner, committee members, Ann Mallion, Lyn Cardy and myself. You will find it on the right hand side of the church next to the altar, it is a little group of 'three trees'.

**Thursday 19 January - STARTING TIME 7pm**  
AGM, Buffet and celebrations for 30 years of Hundon Gardening Club. Subscriptions will be due at this meeting and will be £10 for the year. Would all members please bring along a small plate of buffet type food to contribute, we will be supplying drink.

The evening's programme will start with as short as possible AGM, Buffet and Entertainment with Bryan Thurlow:-

Through the Green Baize Door

Retired butler, George Barrington, a Yorkshireman through and through, looks back on a lifetime of service at Thrigsby Hall, a very grand house in Yorkshire. He started working there in 1868 as the boot boy and worked his way up through the ranks to become butler. A well researched snapshot of servants' lives in the Victorian and Edwardian era.

**Thursday February 16th**

First there will be a presentation by Fiona Gould to tell us about a Hundon Nature Recovery Project and how we might get involved. This will be followed by a talk by Dr Twigs Way on Traditional Wildflower Names.

To encourage new members we would ask you to invite anyone you think would like to become a member and they are invited to try us out for free in February.

We have what we think will be a very interesting and enjoyable programme for 2023 so look forward to the year.

We would like to wish you all a happy Christmas and New Year.

*Janet Burrows*



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Frozen foods, fresh foods, fruit and veg, a wide range of groceries and non-foods, bread and cake, stationery, alcohol, tobacco, medicines and newspapers and magazines. And of course, our marvellous Post Office with its huge range of services, is looking forward to serving you.

On behalf of the Hundon Shop Committee I would like to publicly thank our Shop and Post Office staff and our incredible volunteers for all that they have done in 2022 to keep your Village Shop and Post Office going as a wonderful asset for our village.

Whether it was in the 40 degree temperatures back in the summer or the bitterly cold and icy weather we saw in mid-December, the shop opens every day. Very often volunteers step in at the last minute to cover when someone is unable to do their shift and for all of this, we the committee, and the village are very grateful.

After all the bank holidays and changes to opening hours over Christmas and the New Year its back to normal hours in the shop from **Monday 2<sup>nd</sup> January and from Tuesday 3rd January** for the Post Office. Note that the Post Office only is closed on Monday January 2nd, the shop is open as normal.

### **NORMAL OPENING HOURS SHOP**

Monday to Saturday 8am – 1pm

Sunday 10am-12pm

### **NORMAL OPENING HOURS POST OFFICE**

Monday to Saturday 9am – 1pm

*Stewart Alderman, Chairman – Hundon Village Shop Committee*

## THANK YOU

Thank you all for the Christmas trees that are on display in the Church, as usual you have all come up with something special. As some may know I was unable to attend in person but looking at the photographs they are superb. So thank you all very much for the time and effort from all our groups, clubs, school and pre-school.

May you have a very Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year with many blessings.

*Ann McGregor*

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## HUNDON EVERGREENS

The club is still going well, 25 members still in the club. The tiny ones put on a show for us (bless them) in the Village Hall on 5th December.

We had our Christmas lunch at The Rose & Crown (very good).

We still do E.A.C.H (Children's Hospice) instead of Christmas cards and this year we sent off £100.

Happy New Year to all.

*Pam Deeks*

## HUNDON RELIEF IN NEED CHARITY GRANTS AVAILABLE

The Hundon Relief in Need Charity is a branch of the Estate Charity of Thomas Rogeron. It provides monetary help in cases of hardship and need to any resident of the Parish of Hundon.

With the pandemic in mind and the impact of redundancies, part-time rather than full-time working, the significant increases to home heating and energy costs as well as those related to food, Hundon residents are reminded that financial help is available from the charity and all applications are treated in absolute confidence.

If you, or some you know, would like more information about the grant application process please contact trustee:

Brian O'Leary, 01440 786909  
brian.oleary@btinternet.com

**Rectors Ramblings – January 2023**  
**(Christmas...the story continues!)**

Dear friends,

Well it's January and the celebrations and festivities of Christmas are over..... or are they? While our televisions and supermarkets would have us believe that Christmas ends on 25 December, the Christmas season in the church really only begins on the 25th and then over the coming weeks the readings look at different aspects of the story. The characters of the Nativity story may be familiar to most of us, but what many do not realise is that the Magi (the wise men) are not remembered at Christmas but on a separate festival which falls 12 days after Christmas Day – the Feast of Epiphany. The season of Epiphany then continues until early February so despite the tree being down and the tinsel being in the loft, January is a perfectly appropriate time to be thinking about these Nativity characters.

Not much is known about them, and indeed they are only mentioned in Matthew's Gospel where they are described as wise men from the East who came to Jerusalem. It says that 'when they saw that the star had stopped, they were overwhelmed with joy. On entering the house, they saw the child with Mary his mother; and they knelt down and paid him homage. Then, opening their treasure chests, they offered him gifts.

In the Bible, the three gifts of the Magi are named but nowhere does it actually say there were only three wise men, in fact in some Christian traditions e.g. the Eastern Syriac Church, they have twelve wise men! But here in the West the tradition continues that there are three and commonly named as Melchior, Caspar, Balthazar.

There have been various things written about them, and very famously T S Eliot wrote a poem called The Journey of the Magi, a reflection written from their perspective. They are perhaps remembered above all for the gifts they offered to Jesus. These weren't random gifts but were deeply symbolic and full of meaning. They offered gold which was associated with kings, showing that Jesus is the king of the world. They brought frankincense which was used in temples, a sign of Jesus' divinity. The last gift was myrrh which was used in burials and was a gift foreshadowing Jesus' death.

As we remember these gifts during the Epiphany season, it is a good opportunity for us to think generally about the idea of gifts. But what makes a good gift? We often narrow our understanding of gifts to physical things – things we want or need, or things others want or need. But we all have gifts: things which we are good at, talents, traits in our personalities, things that come naturally to us. This might be being a talented sports person; it might be being very good at art or music. It might be that we are someone who encourages others. It may be our kindness, our sense of humour, our organisational skills, our ability to empathise. These are gifts that we have to offer to those around us: our family, our friends, our neighbours. Gifts which can contribute to our communities and help build and strengthen relationships.

This season of Epiphany, I'd like to challenge us to think about how we can offer our gifts to others, always remembering that the greatest gift of love and hope found in the baby whom the Magi visited that very first Epiphany. And if you would like to know more about the baby that changed the world, and perhaps you have resolved to start your new year in a new way, why not join us for one of our services across the Benefice, we would love to welcome you.

I wish you all a very Happy New Year and a blessed Epiphany.  
Mark

*The Revd Mark Woodrow*



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**HGC NEWSLETTER  
DECEMBER 2022**

Saturday 29 October 10 of us set off for a visit to Caldrees Manor, Ickleton, near Duxford, we did see a few aeroplanes overhead but not quite a flying day. It was an NGS Open Day to see, primarily, the Autumn Colours. Quite a different garden, every inch was thought about, a trail of crabapple trees, all named and most in fruit. Acers galore, all named! A huge variety of trees, it could have been an arboretum, several groups of silver birch, dogwoods beautiful coloured stems etc. Sculptures at every turn, LOOK BEHIND YOU!



Sadly, not opening next year but we are looking forward to a return visit in Spring 2024.

On Thursday 17 November we welcomed Jade Coffey from Perrywood Garden Centre in Sudbury. She enlightened us on how their Garden Centre is run through the year. They are a family run business and their main branch is in Tiptree. She wowed us with the 1,000s of plants they grow and manage between the two centres. They run the business as sustainably as they can. She brought some plants to show the colour we could all have in our gardens during winter.

December there will be no meeting but do take a look at the Christmas Tree display in the church from Friday 9th December, our display is The Holly and the Ivy, very appropriate for a Gardening Club.

January we will be holding our AGM, when subscriptions of £10 will be due, followed by a buffet and entertainment with Bryan Thurlow who we have enjoyed before and he has a new programme for us to enjoy. We would just ask you to come along with a small plate of buffet/finger food for us all to share. We will supply the drink and there will be a raffle. We have all been working hard on a new programme which we hope you will find enjoyable and it will be revealed at the January meeting.

Our Annual Show will be on Sunday 3 September and we would like to give you all notice of the subjects for our 2023 Show Photograph Classes:

- 'It makes me smile'
- 'Harvest Moon' (one is due in July 2023)
- 'Right Plant (growing in the) Wrong Place'
- A four picture entry, mounted on card - 'Clouds - in different forms'
- 'Frost'
- 'Wildlife in the Garden'
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Janet Burrows

(Apologies, this should have been included in December issue. Ed.)

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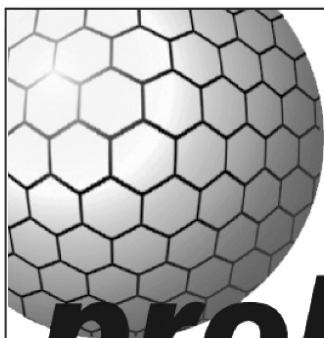
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## Wassailing Celebration 29<sup>th</sup> January 2023 at 4pm

We are holding our 1<sup>st</sup> Wassailing ceremony on the allotment field by the community orchard. This traditionally involves a procession led by a wassail King and Queen, which has to make as much noise as possible to waken the sleeping tree spirits and frighten off any evil demons which may be lurking in the branches! The wassail Queen places a piece of wassail bread into the branches of a tree as a gift to the tree spirits in the hope of a good harvest!

There will be singing and music to accompany us.

Do come and join in – there will be hot mulled cider or apple juice, a free bbq and the traditional spiced apple cake.

There is no charge for this event but we will be asking for donations to cover our costs.

We are meeting at the Church Street entrance at 4pm. Please bring a torch, a cup and a musical instrument or saucepan lids or anything else to make a loud noise!

Promises to be a bit of traditional fun in January to raise all our spirits!

### New Trees

We've had a delivery of trees for the field and individual allotment holders. They will be sorted and planted when conditions permit.

### From a resident:



## HEALTH AND SOCIAL CARE

A House of Commons committee is running a short (6 questions) survey on medically assisted suicide/assisted dying.

Do you support the current law (it is currently a crime to assist the suicide of someone)? What are the important factors to you in considering this issue?

Do you think someone who a doctor thinks only has a few months to live should be given the choice of an assisted suicide?

Are you concerned about some people possibly being coerced into an assisted suicide?

What about someone who has had a diagnosis of a non terminal neurological disease, such as motor neurone disease? Or dementia?

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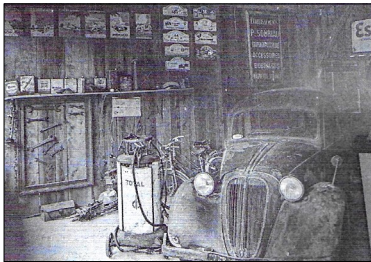
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## HUNDON W.I.



Well, it was an honour to help  
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the display in the church. It was so  
cold but enjoyable, ours was a  
depiction of the carol "Oh Little  
Town of Bethlehem" and all  
the other trees displayed looked  
amazing.

Our last meeting was a Christmas  
dinner at The Swan, Clare. I sadly  
was not able to attend but I believe  
a good time was had by all, the  
food was wonderful and "what  
happens at the Christmas dinner  
stays at the Christmas  
dinner" (wink)!!

**Our next meeting, Thursday 12th January**, will be a Film Night/  
Get together with fish and chip supper. Contact Jan or myself if you  
fancy a get together on hopefully, not as chilly an evening as we  
have experienced lately.

Carol Massey

## Hundon Gardening Club

**February Meeting - Thursday 16 - 7.30 at the Village Hall**

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

First there will be a presentation by Fiona Gould to tell us about a  
Hundon Nature Recovery Project and how we might get involved and  
then:

**"Traditional Wildflower Names" – Dr Twigs Way**



Do you know your Cow Mumble from your Sheep's Parsley or your  
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## HUNDON WINE CLUB

Our last meeting saw us trying wines from sunnier climes than ours at the moment – Tasmania. Alan and Jill, two of our members, who have recently returned from a trip down under, presented some excellent wines.

We started with a fantastic 2017 Riesling from the south of the island, the whole of which we learned is about the size of Ireland! It was a beautiful straw-colour with a fresh tropical aroma. Two more whites followed, an unusual “blanc des noirs” made from Pinot Noir and then a cold climate dry and fresh Chardonnay that was quite dry, unoaked with high acidity. Next two fine reds, an extremely well made, fine Pinot Noir. After this a blend of grapes more often found in southwestern France which was heavy on the tannins and definitely a food wine. To finish we had a rosé fizz from the north coast. A grand tour of the island indeed!

Many thanks to Alan and Jill for providing us with great wines from an unusual region, and for all the research they worked so hard on to ensure such a pleasurable evening.

In December we do not have a meeting, but decamp for our annual dinner.

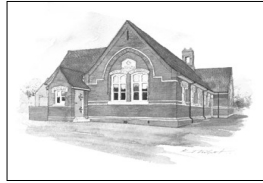
As usual, if you would like to join us please don't hesitate to contact me, or turn up at the village hall 8:00 on the last Thursday of the month.

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This is very much a legacy project for our children and grandchildren and it was fitting that the first trees were planted by students from Stour Valley Community School's eco club. Many thanks to Rowan and fellow students (pictured), and to all the other volunteers who helped. If you're interested in helping with future tree plantings please let us know.



The other development has been the completion of a scale recreation of the station complex at Clare in "N gauge", complete with working trains. Whether you're a railway buff or not, this intricate recreation of the 1950s station is a fascinating glimpse into our recent past. The model is in our visitor centre in the former south platform waiting room. Open at weekends from 11 till 3 (and on Fridays other than in winter), the centre is well worth a visit for the model railway, a fascinating film about the history and ecology of the Park, and a great selection of local walks, among much else.

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Whether your interest is in the railway, the site's Norman history or the Park's ecology – or simply coffee and cake at Platform One café and a relatively mud free dog walk - our Park has so much to offer, even in the depths of winter.

For more information email us at [info@clarecastlecountrypark.co.uk](mailto:info@clarecastlecountrypark.co.uk), see [www.clarecastlecountrypark.co.uk](http://www.clarecastlecountrypark.co.uk), follow us on Facebook, call the Park Office on 01787 277902 or pay us a visit at the office or visitor centre.

We look forward to welcoming you to the Park in 2023.

Julia Burge  
Administrator, Clare Castle Country Park



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- March 18\***
- May 20\***
- June 17? to be confirmed*
- July 8**
- August 19\***
- September 23**
- October 21\***
- November 18\***

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**CLASP operates:**

### 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.*

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### 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.

**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.

### **DEDICATED CLASP PHONE CONTACT NUMBERS:**

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