



# Hundon Herald

September 2023

HUNDON SOCIAL CLUB

## BINGO

Saturday 9th September

Doors open 7pm — Eyes down 8pm

A chance to win possibly up to £100  
Raffle and bar

ALL SAINTS CHURCH  
SEPTEMBER 2023 SERVICES

Sunday 10 September 2023  
9.00a.m. Holy Communion

Sunday 24 September 2023  
6.00p.m. Evening Prayer  
Followed by a Harvest Supper

Please bring a plate of food to share

Hundon Gardening Club  
29<sup>th</sup> Annual Show  
Sunday 3<sup>rd</sup> September 2023  
at the Village Hall  
Doors open at 2 pm  
Everyone Welcome  
Refreshments  
Raffle  
Art Exhibition by Local Artists  
Mystery Photograph Competition  
How many beans in a jar?  
Vote for your Best in Show



A Quiz Night with a Hundon Flavour  
Open to all. All quiz teams welcome.  
£2 Entrance fee per Player, to include Buffet.  
Compere for the Evening - Nick Keeble (Odd Socks Events)  
Proceeds from the night going to  
Sunny Days Children's Fund.  
Contact David - 07895708519 or Sharon 07919408742  
to reserve table  
8pm Start - Maximum team size 6 -  
Donated raffle prizes welcomed.

## FILM NIGHT

at the  
Village Hall



Harold Fry is well into his 60s and content to fade quietly into the background of life, until one day, he learns his old friend Queenie is dying. He sets off to the post office to send her a letter and decides to keep walking: all the way to her hospice, 450 miles away.  
Starring Jim Broadbent and Penelope Wilton.

Friday 22nd September

LICENSED BAR

Doors open 7.00pm - Tickets £3.50 on the door. ALL WELCOME

Quiz Night  
Saturday September 30th  
Hundon Village Hall  
7.30pm for 8pm Start. Maximum Team Size of Six

**CHANGE OF EMAIL ADDRESS  
FOR VILLAGE HALL ENQUIRIES**

The email address for enquiries and bookings for the village hall has changed – the new address is [villagehall@hundon.org](mailto:villagehall@hundon.org)

The previous email ([hundonvillagehall@gmail.com](mailto:hundonvillagehall@gmail.com)) will stay live for a while so that any mail sent to it can be automatically forwarded to the new address, but this facility will eventually be turned off at some time.

**HUNDON VILLAGE HALL**

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**N.H.S.**

£400 was handed over to West Suffolk Hospital "My Wish Charity".

The money was raised by customers of Hundon Village Shop so on behalf of the staff of the shop and myself a big THANK YOU.

*Karen Snow*

**THANK YOU**

Grateful thanks to Maurice and Sue Mansfield who are retiring after many years of delivering the Herald in Galley Road.

Thanks too to Sandra Hall for volunteering to take over.

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**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](mailto:brian.oleary@btinternet.com)

## WINE CLUB NEWS

Our July meeting was a presentation by Jake Bennett-Day from Vino Gusto. We sampled eight different wines including four Greek ones, of which Jake has a lovely selection in his shop from which to choose.

Starting with a rarely encountered German Sekt, a sparkling wine made from the Riesling grape which was fresh, fruity and a lovely starter for the evening. Following on to a Vinho Verde, a slightly sparkling wine from northern Portugal. At last we ploughed into the Greek wines with two whites, a Malagousia and an Assyrtiko. The first red was from Manolosakis estate, the second made from probably Greece's most famous grape, Xinomavro. All quite a mouthful both in the pronunciation and the wines themselves! We finished off with a couple of old favourites, a Rioja and an Aussie Shiraz with the amazing name of 'Blood and Chocolate'!

The wines were well received, but with some reservations, and Jake's knowledge and enthusiasm, plus his history in the wine trade for such a young man were a joy to see.

We managed to polish off the remainder of the wines plus some extras to go with our late supper which was prepared by our members Alan and Jill.

Our next meetings will be....

**31 August** Nick Watson of Cooper's Croft up at Ashfield Green, our local vigneron, he will be showcasing his wine along with a colleague.

**28 September** Will be the wine club social event in the hall.

**26 October** Charles Eaton, a long-standing presenter of ours suggesting wines for Christmas.

Also in October the more intrepid of us will be on our now annual overseas trip to Portugal. Trying out some fabulous ports at quintas in Porto before travelling up to the beautiful Douro hills to help reduce the annual production of the region.

We meet every last Thursday of the month at 8:00 in the village Hall.

*Chris Burford*

## HERALD ARTICLES

Remember—you can submit articles for the Herald at any time in the month, you don't have to wait until the deadline. Items for inclusion can be emailed, typed or written.

**Anonymous articles cannot be included, although your name and address can be withheld if you prefer.**

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## IMPORTANT NOTICE: COMMUNITY EMERGENCY PLAN

West Suffolk Council has advised all Parish Councils to form a Community Emergency Plan (CEP) in case of a natural/unforeseen disaster, such as wildfires, flooding, heavy snowfall, loss of power for prolonged periods due to extreme winds, a chemical spillage, or even another pandemic. We have all seen these natural disasters happen in other parts of the country over the last few years, whole communities being devastated by flood waters, wildfires and gale damage.

We all pray that Hundon is never affected by such a disaster, but in this time of global warming the threats are becoming more likely. The Parish Council think it is important that we have a CEP in place in case of such a natural disaster or unforeseen incident. We are asking for anyone living in Hundon with special skills, such as a doctor, nurse, plumber, electrician, builder, vet, or carer, all people whose skills could be vital in such a disaster, to be part of our CEP by giving us a contact number that we could call in such an emergency.

We are also looking for anyone with special equipment, such as a tractor and plough, to create fire breaks, a snowplough, to clear snowdrifts so emergency services can attend to resident's needs, a chainsaw to clear fallen trees, anyone with a generator?

The more contacts we have logged with useful equipment the easier it would make the emergency tasks ahead of us. It would save us so much time trying to find someone within the village or locally with equipment, or a specialist skill, if we had their contact details on record, we all know that in times of emergency every minute counts, and could potentially save lives.

We also think it would be a good idea to have a list of vulnerable residents, so in an emergency we could check on these people, make sure they are OK and help them if needed. The list would be confidential to the CEP organizers, so if you, a relative, a neighbour or friend, is elderly, disabled or have other special needs please contact us so we can add your details to our list in case of an emergency.

If you would be prepared to give us your contact details and help us put together a Community Emergency Plan, we would be very grateful. Hundon residents were marvellous in the COVID pandemic, coming together and looking out for each other, especially the Hundon Little Helpers, they really were a lifeline for some residents. We as a community should be very proud of the way we pulled together and supported one another. If you can help in any way, please contact myself or the Parish Clerk on the details below.

Hopefully we will never need your services, but it will be reassuring to know we have a plan and your details if needed.

Many thanks in advance from all the Parish Council members.

Denise Hewett - mobile 07747855569

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or

[clerk.hundonpc@outlook.com](mailto:clerk.hundonpc@outlook.com)

## HGC NEWSLETTER SEPTEMBER 2023



### Sunday 6 August

Visit to **Hitchin Lavender** - Walk through Lavender and sunflower fields, picking as you go. Tearooms, museum, shop plus lavender plants to buy and lots more!



### Saturday 19 August Garden Party/ Afternoon Tea.

A huge Thank You to Margaret and Richard Langridge for hosting the Afternoon Tea on a wonderful afternoon, in a beautiful garden, with delicious food and wonderful guests.



**2023 Show Sunday 3rd September** Please save the date and come along

If you are new to the village please come along, free entry. It is a Gardening Club show but it isn't all fruit and veg. There are culinary, flowers and floral arrangements, photography, craft and children's classes - Side Shows- Refreshments - Raffle and an Art Exhibition.

**CALLING ALL LOCAL ARTISTS, WE WILL BE HAVING AN ART EXHIBITION AT THE SHOW AS USUAL AND WE WOULD LOVE TO SEE YOUR ART BEING DISPLAYED.**

Just bring your hangable art to the hall on Sunday 3rd September between 9 - 10.45 and we will do the rest. Please collect by 4.15pm. You can just exhibit your art or offer it for sale. If possible would you please bring your art ready to hang by securing cord or wire, (not too tight) and with the hanging point 1.1/2" - 2" below the top centre.



**Thursday 21 September** 3 Generations of Farmers with Ruth Goudy.  
7.30 pm at Village Hall, refreshments, raffle - All welcome

Cavendish & District Horticultural Society -

Saturday 2 September - Village Fete on the Green - 1.30 - 5 pm

Saturday 16 September - Annual Show - 1.30 - 4.00 in the Cavendish Memorial Hall

*Janet Burrows*

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# AVON

## HUNDON VILLAGE SHOP AND POST OFFICE

At the beginning of August, the shop received an unannounced surprise visit from a local authority food safety officer. On these visits the local authority has a thorough look at the premises looking at hygiene, food safety records, date control procedures, temperature control, segregation, handwashing provision and food allergy information. At the end of a visit the premises will be awarded a food safety rating ranging from zero to five. We are delighted to report that the shop received the top rating of five with the officer commenting that she wished that all the premises that she visited showed the same diligence and focus to food safety processes as we did.

With so many cash machines being removed, especially in rural areas, did you know that you can withdraw cash from all major banks and building societies at our Post Office. The amount that you can withdraw will be the same as your daily limit from a cash machine.

### We are looking for a new Treasurer to join the shop committee.

After 17 years of diligent and committed work as the shop's treasurer Bernard Beer has informed the committee that the time has come for him to stand down. We are therefore now looking for a new treasurer to take over from Bernard. The treasurer pays supplier invoices, collates income and outgoings information, and prepares the end of year accounts for the independent accountant to audit. A full handover with Bernard and any training required will be provided. If you think that you would be able to take on this important behind the scenes role for your village shop, please contact the Chairman at [stewartalderman.sa@gmail.com](mailto:stewartalderman.sa@gmail.com)

### OPENING HOURS SHOP

Monday to Saturday - 8am - 1pm

Sunday - 10am - 12pm

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*Chairman - Hundon Village Shop Committee*



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## Autumn Plant Sale



**Sunday 24th September 2023**

10.30 am on Hundon Allotment Field

Main Entrance off Church Street, CO10 8EE

Donations of all plants gratefully received.

Proceeds to HATA and Hundon Hedgehog Rescue



## Hundon Gardening Club

**September Meeting - Thursday 21 -  
7.30 at the Village Hall  
"3 Generations of Suffolk Farmers"  
- Ruth Goudy**



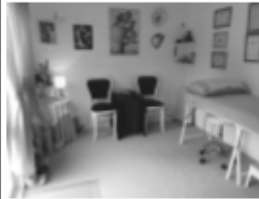
Ruth's grandfather grew up in poverty. One of nine children, he left school at 14 and had to make his own way in the world. This is the story of how he created a fruit farm in Suffolk, how his son had to convert to arable farming to meet the demands of the times and how Ruth and her husband have diversified and built a plant nursery over the last 20 years. There are many changes and cycles to be seen along the way.

Ruth has written for Suffolk Magazine, Horticulture Week and Garden Answers and is a 'Gardening Expert' on Radio Suffolk. This talk will bring back lots of memories for those who grew up during this period of massive rural change but will also be very informative for those interested in agricultural and social history.

Entry is £2 for members and £3 for non-members, including refreshments. Raffle extra.

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## HUNDON WI MEETING – 10<sup>th</sup> August

Our meeting last month was a visit to Coopers Croft Vineyard, where Nick Watson, the owner, shared his knowledge, passion, and incredible journey with us; as well as a glass or two of his delicious award-winning wines. Well, it would have been rude not to have tried them!!

Having a background, and degree, in agriculture, Nick knows a thing or two about soil and crop growing, but why stop there? He decided he would like to set up a small vineyard, as a hobby.

After spending 2 years searching for a suitable property with land which had to be south facing and have a slope, Nick and his young family moved to Ashfield Green in 2011. With much blood, sweat, and a no doubt a few tears, he set about clearing and preparing the acre of land, eventually planting 1000 vines. He chose two grape varieties, Bacchus as a white and Pinot Noir as a Rosé. Fast forward to 2018 and the production of 500 bottles of wine, Coopers Croft Vineyard was firmly established. With some 2000 bottles now being produced, there are plans to expand further with the planting of a new hybrid grape variety.

Winning Bronze for their Bacchus at the Wine GB East competition in 2021 they went on to win Gold in 2022 and have won Gold again this year. The Pinot Noir fizz, which has just been bottled, also won Gold, with the Pinot Noir Rosé winning silver.

If you haven't tried British wines yet, for one reason or another, I think you'll be pleasantly surprised, as verified by the WI ladies who were queuing up to buy a bottle or two at the end of a most enjoyable evening. Cheers!!

*\*Coopers Croft wines are available locally from the vineyard, Hundon Village shop and Clare Market.*

*Coopers Croft, Ashfield Green, Wickhambrook, CB8 8UZ*



Our next WI meeting is on **14th September 7.15 for 7.30 at the Village Hall.**

Jacqueline Norman, will be taking us on a journey back to the Tudor period and Elizabethan fashion.

Visitors always welcome.  
Cost £4 to include refreshments

*Tricia Ager*

## FOR SALE

Two Stentor violins to sell an 1/8 size and 1/4 size.  
Open to offers re price.

Contact Fiona via 07946149528

## CURATE'S CHRONICLES – SEPTEMBER 2023 (BRINGING IN THE HARVEST)

We spend most of our lives going out or staying in and keeping ourselves busy and occupied whether its sitting and watching TV or listening to the radio or going out and about shopping and getting jobs done. We also travel around in different ways too, some of us walk, some go by car or bus or train to places. But what do you notice when you're getting on with your daily routine? And do you notice as much as you think?

I've just moved to the Stour Valley and, from wandering around the streets looking at everything with 'fresh eyes' and chatting to people, it seems there is lots going on! Plenty of very old and some very new buildings, some newly opened and some closed-down businesses and people from all walks of life, some wealthy and some struggling to make ends meet. But the one thing I've really noticed is that we are surrounded by such beauty: the fields, trees, parks and green spaces.

When you slow-down running from A to B you begin to take more notice of how buildings, streets and nature look and what might be going on in people's lives. This is a bit like harvest, if harvest was something that happened instantaneously, we'd probably be overrun with food and resources, and everything would be really overgrown. However, harvest is something which takes time to grow and flourish, it takes significant time, labour, and effort for farmers to grow their crops and take care of them, so they are edible for us to eventually eat.

Harvest comes at such a beautiful time of the year, as we enter into autumn. If we slow down and take our time to be with God in these moments, then we start to notice the change of the colours on the trees, and the changes surrounding us in the villages and towns we live in. We begin to see the beautiful blend of red, orange, green and yellow on the trees and the carpet of leaves below.

However, harvest is also a time of hardship for some, the temperature begins to drop and some people who live just a few streets away from us, will be wondering how an earth are they going to be able to feed themselves or their family and heat their home.

So 'harvest' isn't something that should just happen once a year, we can serve others anytime with our hearts, whether that's physically through giving food or mentally by words of wisdom or just listening to what others have to say - you never know what burden someone is carrying so we need to be gracious. As we go about our daily lives, let us think about the ways we can serve God through harvesting other people's lives not just our own and let us be thankful for the material and spiritual gifts God has blessed us with. Amen



*The Revd Dr Karen Smith*

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Haverhill & District Twin Town Association

This year marks the 50th anniversary of the Haverhill and District Twin Town Association's (HTTA) link with Pont St Esprit in France, and last year marked the 40th anniversary of the Association's link with Ehringshausen in Germany. Over the decades many members have made close friends with

families in these two towns that Haverhill and district is twinned with. This year it was Ehringshausen's turn to visit us and later in August we will take a group of members for a week's stay in Pont St Esprit. Next year it will be the turn of French members to visit us and for us to be hosted in Germany. This pattern then continues, members joining the trips or hosting guests, some preferring to link up with France, some with Germany, and others interested in getting involved with both countries.

Everybody is welcome to join with any of the visits or with hosting families – ages of participants range from toddlers to octogenarians. It costs only £5 (individual) or £10 (family) to be a member of the HTTA.

Our calendar of events, always good fun and very popular, and attended by many people from Kedington, looks like this for the remainder of the year:

- September Saturday 16th - BBQ at Kedington
- October Saturday, 14th - Quiz Night at Kedington
- November Saturday 25th - Dinner & Dance (Venue TBC)
- January 2024 Monday 22nd - AGM at Haverhill Town Hall

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

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

For more information, also see Facebook: <https://www.facebook.com/haverhilltwintown>

## WINE TASTING - OCTOBER 13th

### All Saints Church - Hundon

George Unwin, from Baythorne Hall Wine Store, will bring a few easy drinking, affordable wines for you to try, starting at 5pm until about 7pm.

Attendance will be by ticket, £10, only, so that George knows how many bottles to bring!

Tickets will be available from the Village Post Office from September 20th onwards.

Book early to avoid disappointment!

## Apple Day



### Sunday 8th October 2023

3.30 pm on Hundon Allotment Field

Main Entrance off Church Street, CO10 8EE

Bring your own apples and help us make lots of apple juice.

This will be made into cider over the winter and served at our next Wassailing celebration in January

- Food available and a cash bar
- Music and games



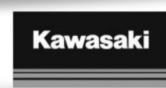
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**CLASP operates:**

### 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.*

### CAR AID

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

### The CLASP MINIBUS

Operated by qualified volunteer drivers, is available for hire at very modest rates for use by local organisations. It also collects "clients" from Clare to take shopping to **Supermarkets in Haverhill**, generally on a Tuesday, for which a small charge is made. *For more information, contact the Senior Centre Phone 07561 115158.*

### 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.

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Clare Liaison and Support Project was established in 1985. Today, CLASP continues to support residents to establish social contacts and offers practical help with transport for medical appointments and shopping. CLASP is run entirely by volunteers and is supported by an active fund-raising group.

### **Wednesday Lunch Club** (contact: 07561 115 158)

Every Wednesday CLASP welcomes senior citizens to meet with friends old and new. The day starts at 10.30am with coffee and biscuits and opportunity to socialise. A three course, freshly prepared lunch is served at 12.30pm followed by tea and cake at 2.30pm.

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## **CLARE CASTLE COUNTRY PARK: ARTICLE FOR SEPTEMBER PUBLICATION**

### **The Expanding Park**

The *Queen's Green Canopy* was a UK-wide tree planting initiative created to mark the late Queen's Platinum Jubilee in 2022 by inviting people to 'plant a tree for the Jubilee'. It provided the catalyst for David Byford, a local landowner, to gift 5 acres of land to the Park. The Byford family have a history of benefaction; they gifted the Ancient House in the High Street to the Town in the 1930s to stop it being dismantled and shipped to America!

The site is situated to the west of the existing Park, on the far side of the Ashen Road, with access close to the Ashen Road bridge. The land, which previously formed about half of a large arable field, was last year transferred to Clare Town Council. The Council owns the Park, but its management is vested in Clare Castle Country Park Trust which has assumed responsibility for the development and maintenance of the new land.

The first task was to obtain planning permission for change of use from agricultural to amenity woodland. This done, the next task was to plant some trees! A report was commissioned from Suffolk Wildlife Trust on how best to develop the site as a woodland area that would be a haven for wildlife. In order to stop weed growth the whole area was seeded with grass and some 1400 whips planted across the site. This year both the whips and the grass have been growing well, the southern boundary has been fenced and rides have been cut so that people can walk through the site. All this has been overseen by Neil Bagshaw, the trustee responsible for green spaces.

The most significant development for the future has been the planned introduction of 37 specimen native trees later this year. The purchase of these trees has been funded by patrons and supporters of the Park, under the management of Geoffrey Bray, former Chairman of the Park Trust. The intention is that these trees will form the top level canopy, with the whips providing the under-storey. The trees involved are oak (11), hornbeam (4), small-leaved lime (6), silver birch (6), alder (3) and black poplar (7). The black poplar trees, native only to this part of the UK, have already been planted. They were donated by the Dedham Vale and Stour Valley Area of Outstanding Natural Beauty. The remaining trees will be planted this autumn. Parts of the site are prone to winter flooding, though they drain quickly. The black poplar, silver birch and alder have been chosen for these areas as they are tolerant of wet soil.

Most of the green space maintenance in the Park is undertaken by volunteers and this initiative has added quite a bit to their work schedules as the maintenance in the early years will be quite intensive. The specimen trees will need watering every fortnight in summer, the soil around them will need clearing, paths will need to be maintained, and the grass cut in a way that avoids damaging the whips.

Of course, this whole project is a long-term investment in the community's future and it is succeeding generations that will reap the benefit of David Byford's generosity and the hard work involved in establishing the site. Overall, it is safe to say that this project captures the essence and spirit of the Queen's Green Canopy, and in my view is a life-affirming tribute to the generosity of spirit of everyone who has been involved.

If you would like more information about the new woodland or green space activities please contact the Park office on 01787 277902 (answerphone in operation, we will call you back) or e-mail [info@clarecastlecountrypark.co.uk](mailto:info@clarecastlecountrypark.co.uk)

*Derek Blake*



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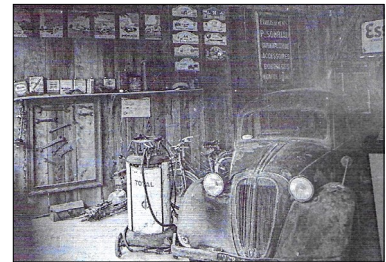
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